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'Serious Consideration'

Editor:

I appreciated Elaine Weinreb's very thorough reporting titled "McKinleyville Inc.?" in the June 22, 2023, edition. It seems a lot to make incorporation a reality, and it almost seems insurmountable. I had attended a few McKinleyville Advisory Committee meetings or McKinleyville Service District meetings remotely, with interest in the downtown area community development. The serious consideration of city incorporation followed, and I credit people for bringing that important discussion back to the table for consideration.

When I look at a tiny town like Trinidad, I think how people had the foresight to incorporate long ago.

There certainly was more potential to gain the tourist dollar than McKinleyville in the '90s when some town citizens thought it would happen. It seems remarkable what Trinidad, a town of less than 350 people has accomplished. They have a strong sense of community, manage to fill their city council with dedicated town citizens, and keep finding volunteers for their many events that draw people to Trinidad. Neither Trinidad nor Arcata offered enough inspiration for McKinleyville to incorporate. Longtime residents tell me the number one reason was not receiving sufficient sales tax.

As dangerous as it seemed, many of us had a wonderful time walking in the evening along Central Avenue for Corks, Forks & Kegs in McKinleyville in September of last year. The chamber sponsored so much more, too.

Should McKinleyville at least accomplish creating a downtown area to walk and shop in, maybe that will be enough in the near future. If that can happen almost the same time as incorporation, that would be all the better for the community of McKinleyville.

Lawrence Gray, McKinleyville

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If all goes as planned, horse racing will go on as normal this year.

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Supes Pony Up \$1 Million in Effort to Save Horse Racing at the Fair

Pushing aside fiscal concerns, county allocates funds for emergency fairgrounds repairs

By Kimberly Wear

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The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved \$1 million in emergency repairs for the Ferndale fairgrounds' earthquake-damaged grandstands on June 29 after a structural inspection determined the facility was currently unsafe for use.

Not moving forward could have meant canceling the races or at least limited viewing for one of the Humboldt County Fair's major draws, potentially putting the fair's place on the racing circuit in jeopardy.

Now the project is up against the

clock to be completed in time for the Aug. 17 opening of the event — which generates an estimated \$5 million in annual economic activity for the region.

The 4-0 decision, with Third District Supervisor Mike Wilson absent, came after what board Chair Steve Madrone described as a “robust” discussion that included questions about whether the board should allocate the funds during a difficult budget year and the responsibilities of the Humboldt County Fair Association — which manages the fairgrounds under a lease with the county.

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The funds will come from the county's 2020 finance plan, which County Administrative Office Elishia Hayes recommended, saying those monies were immediately available and earmarked for infrastructure projects.

The situation unfolded quickly last week, with the HCFA board receiving a June 26 briefing from county Public Works Director Tom Mattson on a recently completed structural engineering draft report from a firm that conducted

an April inspection of the grandstands, prompting the fair association to reach out to the county for assistance.

Mattson told supervisors at the special meeting that the inspection determined the roof could fall in the event of another major earthquake and a 66-foot "fall zone" around the structure needs to be cordoned off, leaving two main options: a temporary stabilization at an estimated cost of \$1 million or a "controlled failure" of the roof.

Under the latter, if the racetrack was protected, he said, the races could go on, but the grandstands could not be occupied.

Either way, Mattson said there are still long-term issues with the structure, including deferred maintenance and earthquake repairs that will need to be followed up on.

"We are just stabilizing the existing facility and not making any real improvements or repairs to the damage that the

facility has, but it would make it useable," he said.

Mattson said he talked to one contractor who believed they could complete the needed temporary repairs in time for the fair and noted that the HCFA does not have the funding on hand to cover the costs.

He also said that while "not a guarantee," he was "pretty confident" the county could qualify for a 75-percent reimbursement from the California Office of Emergency Services but could not say for certain. He said his initial discussions with the agency indicated the funding would be for either the interim work or permanent repairs, but not both.

Second District Supervisor Michelle Bushnell asked about the fair association's obligations and Mattson said the repairs, which will include installing metal supports around the structure, are not considered regular maintenance, which is the HCFA responsibility under its lease.

Speaking during public comment, HCFA board President Andy Titus noted the fair's far-reaching effects on local businesses and the importance horse racing plays in bringing in visitors to the fair.

"If we can't use the grandstands, we can't have horse racing. ... I just think this has to be a group effort. ... We are willing to work together," he said.

Interim fair CEO Jill Duffy also thanked the supervisors "for pivoting very quickly" in addressing the issue, saying the association was working closely with the county on solutions.

When the issue came back before the board, Bushnell made the motion to approve allocating funds from the finance plan and direct Mattson to move forward with the project.

While Supervisor Rex Bohn, whose First District includes the fairgrounds, came out strongly in support of the temporary repairs, saying, "This building is ours. We have to fix it. There's no other

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way around it," others on the board took a more cautious approach. They expressed concerns about the allocation during a difficult budget year in which the county faced a projected deficit of more than \$17 million, prompting the board to consider offering severance incentives to county employees and mandatory furloughs.

Fourth District Supervisor Natalie Arroyo said she had heard from constituents on all sides of the issue and the decision was "weighing heavily on her," especially considering the county's financial straits.

She noted she appreciated the fair's contributions to the community, including education opportunities for local youth, and said her first date with her now-spouse was at the Humboldt County Fair.

"It's a very difficult time to consider anything above the \$1 million," Arroyo said, adding she was "apprehensive about spending more than we can finance given the state of our budget."

Madrone had similar comments, saying he was supportive of the fair but the county was "in a world of hurt" and he was concerned about "putting so much money into a temporary fix."

Bushnell also noted that the county's finances were "not in great shape," but said she was concerned about potential impacts to local business that could suffer if the grandstands were not operational for the fair.

"I know a lot of businesses in the Rio Dell, Fortuna, Ferndale area really depend on this fair," she said.

In the end, the board backed funding the temporary fix, with the approval for the budget adjustment slated to come back before supervisors at a future meeting.

The HCFA board met later that night and voted unanimously to support a motion to "work in full cooperation and in good faith to secure funds to make repairs with the county to the grandstands," Duffy said in an email to the Journal.

"MCI and North Coast Fabricators will be contracted with the county's Public Works Department, and they will mobilize equipment following the Fourth of July," Duffy said. "Over the next couple of days, designs will be refined with the intent of moving forward in an expeditious manner, and we expect the project to be completed in time for the Humboldt County Fair, Aug. 17 to 27."

Editor's note: In the interest of full disclosure, it should be noted that North Coast Journal Inc., which owns the Journal, has a contract with the Humboldt County Fair Association to promote this year's fair. The company's marketing department — which retains no editorial control over the Journal's reporting — is fulfilling the contract.

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At Murphy's, she likes the customers and "all the amazing, talented people that just happen to work here. It's a nice place to be." Connect with Jenifer by following **Plastic_Uniquely_Recycled on Instagram** and visiting her website at **www.plasticuniquelyrecycled.com**.



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State Grants Brius New Nursing Home Licenses

The state is moving forward with licensing two dozen nursing homes whose primary owner's companies have a lengthy track record of problems — as uncovered by a *CalMatters* investigation and years of *North Coast Journal* reporting — despite a new law designed to provide better oversight of the facilities.

The nursing homes in question are owned by Los Angeles businessman Shlomo Rechnitz, who owns dozens of California facilities through a web of companies, including Humboldt County's four primary skilled nursing facilities.

One of his main companies, Brius Healthcare, has been scrutinized for poor quality care and inadequate staffing, according to federal and state inspection reports, plaintiffs' attorneys and press accounts. By 2015, government regulators decertified or threatened to decertify three of Rechnitz's companies' California nursing homes, a rare penalty that strips facilities of crucial Medicare and Medi-Cal funding.

One of those facilities, Wish-I-Ah Healthcare & Wellness Centre near Fresno, was closed following the death of a 75-year-old resident from a blood infection after staff left behind in her body a foam sponge used in dressing her mastectomy wound. Investigators also found toilets brimming with fecal matter and other serious problems, according to the state's accusation.

The State Auditor's office in a May 2018 report spotlighted Brius for its higher rate of federal deficiencies and state citations, compared to the rest of the industry in the state.

It was via bankruptcy court that Rechnitz scooped up 18 Country Villa-branded nursing homes in 2014. Per state law, he then filed change-of-ownership applications seeking licenses to run those homes. The state didn't approve or deny them, instead leaving them pending. In the meantime, Rechnitz continued to run the nursing homes for years without a formal license in his name — which isn't technically illegal.

A new law was supposed to close that

loophole. But that law, co-authored by Democratic Assemblymembers Al Muratsuchi of Los Angeles and Jim Wood of Santa Rosa, doesn't go into effect until July 1 — and it focuses on new license applications, rather than those that have been operating in the legal gray area for years.

The California Department of Public Health, which oversees the state's nursing homes, defended the new licensing settlement with Rechnitz, which includes tools for the state to monitor the nursing homes' performance. The department noted the settlement allows the nursing homes to continue operating, instead of closing and forcing hundreds of residents from their homes.

"This settlement resolves longstanding issues we have had with this provider and provides our department stronger enforcement tools to ensure the provider is delivering reasonable and appropriate care to its residents," Tomás Aragón, director of the Department of Public Health, said in an emailed statement. "With this settlement, we will continue to monitor the facilities involved with a focus on maintaining that level of care."

Under the settlement announced last week, the state health department agreed to approve license applications for 24 skilled nursing facilities owned by Rechnitz — once the department receives all necessary documents to complete the process.

The settlement includes some oversight provisions, including a two-year monitoring period. The health department is to meet with each facility every six months to review the quality of care residents are receiving, and each facility is to provide a slew of documents before the meetings. Deficiencies in care are to result in heightened oversight, including daily phone calls. Failing to comply with those parameters is to result in a fine of \$10,000 per failure.

An attorney representing Brius, Rechnitz's company, did not respond to a phone call or an emailed request for comment.

Tony Chicotel, a staff attorney for California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, called the state's move to license Rechnitz's nursing homes "sad."

Friday Night Fun



Homeboldt owner Tommy Hernandez and husband Trevor Hammons with their kids at the first Friday Night Market of the season. See a full slideshow of Kait Angus' photos from the event at northcoastjournal.com Posted 07.01.23

Photo by Kait Angus

"There's been longstanding, systematic problems in nursing homes run by this chain," he said. "We think this is a message to residents of nursing homes in California that their welfare just isn't all that concerning to the state."

Not all of Rechnitz's applications had been left pending — some were denied outright. In denying his licensing application for Windsor Healthcare Center of Oakland in 2016, the Department of Public Health said staff at the facility neglected to treat the skin ulcers and pain of six different residents — including a paralyzed resident who was left covered in feces and then hospitalized for sepsis.

That facility is now one of the 24 the state is moving toward licensing under the new settlement. The two-dozen facilities also include 13 of the 18 Country Villa properties Rechnitz purchased in 2014.

Another one of Rechnitz's nursing homes was in hot water recently. Alta Vista Healthcare & Wellness Centre in Riverside, owned by Rechnitz, and its management company, Rockport Healthcare Services, agreed to pay the state and federal government some \$3.8 million over allegations they provided kickbacks to doctors. According to the U.S. Justice Department, Alta Vista gave doctors extravagant gifts — including expensive dinners, limousine

rides and massages — in exchange for referring patients to their nursing home between 2009 and 2019.

That facility is not included in the new licensing agreement.

Chicotel said he's "disappointed but not surprised" the state is moving to license Rechnitz's facilities. It was clear that the law taking effect July 1, which he opposed because he said it lacked teeth, would not take existing facilities away from bad operators, he said.

Wood's spokesperson, Cathy Mudge, said the assemblymember was not aware of the settlement and would not be able to comment on it yet. "This is an important issue to him and he will be asking CDPH for more information," Mudge said in an email.

Muratsuchi's office did not respond to an email seeking an interview.

The new law still has value going forward because it will apply to new cases, said Michael Wasserman, a geriatrician and chair of public policy for the California Association of Long Term Care Medicine.

"I think (it) was meant to keep the type of licensing issues that have occurred in the past from ever happening again," he said.

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The Indigenous fight against illegal cannabis grows

By Kaitlin Reed

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Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from Kaitlin Reed's book Settler Cannabis: From Gold Rush to Green Rush in Indigenous Northern California that has been edited for publication in the Journal.

The July sun was hot on the back of my neck as I struggled to find my footing on a steep mountainside along the Klamath River. Yurok ancestral territory is located here in northwestern California and has been the ground zero for cannabis production since the 1960s. At the height of the contemporary cannabis “green rush,” Yurok ancestral territory was under siege by large-scale trespass cannabis cultivation. Illegal and unregulated water diversions ran our streams dry and degraded water quality with chemical pollution and human waste. My colleagues with the Yurok Tribe Environmental Program were tasked with dismantling the cannabis irrigation structures that were sucking tribal water resources dry and documenting the ecological impact of cannabis cultivation. We were looking for thin black plastic tubing — hard to see and even harder to remove. As sweat poured down my face, the quantity of tubing seemed never-ending. I ripped up as much polyethylene tubing as possible in an attempt to liberate our tributaries. Within a short time, there was a gargantuan pile of black snakes ready to be removed from the landscape. However, the concern that additional black snakes remained continues to linger.

The onslaught of settler-colonial destruction is not relegated to history; it is very much a part of our present and lived experiences as Indigenous peoples in this region. Our River, the lifeblood of our people, has been under attack since settler-colonial invasion a little over a century and a half ago. The history of water development and extraction in the Klamath Basin has disproportionately impacted Indigenous peoples, water, plants and wildlife. The Klamath Project of 1905, the first Bureau of Reclamation project, led

to the construction of four deadly dams and extensive agricultural pollution of the Klamath River, effectively collapsing the possibility of future sustainable subsistence fishing economies. This has had detrimental impacts on the cultural and food sovereignty of Native peoples within the Klamath Basin, as well as on fish, wildlife and plant species.

Within Yurok culture, Salmon are understood as relatives and ancestors. While the word “genocide” is reserved for human beings within a Western paradigm, we conceptualize the fish kill as a genocide. In 2002, our Salmon relatives faced a genocide of cataclysmic proportions. Steward for the Many Nations Longhouse Gordon Bettles (Klamath Tribe) argues that the tragic 2002 fish kill that left 70,000 dead Salmon rotting along the banks of the Klamath River “was caused by a collision of cultures that began when the first ships landed on the east coast of North America in 1492.” The arrival of those ships and the fish kill transpired 510 years apart, but, he argues, the settler-colonial worldview that separates humans from nature and understands land as property and a source of wealth accumulation is responsible for creating the conditions that allowed a fish kill to occur. In other words, Columbus had snakes on his boats.

A century of water infrastructure development and increasing demand for water for grazing and agricultural production dramatically decreased the flows and increased the temperature of the Klamath River. This created an environment in which disease could spread rapidly — and it did. Conservative estimates suggest that in 2002 at least 30,000 Chinook, 600 coho and 1,000 steelhead succumbed to a deadly pathogen, known locally as “Ich” (*Ichthyophthirius multifiliis*).

As Salmon people, we understand ourselves to be in relationship with Salmon



An Indian-killing militia poses on and beside a felled Redwood circa the late 1800s. Courtesy of Humboldt State University Archives

and the Klamath. Salmon are a cultural and nutritional staple for Yurok people. Even our creation story instructs Yuroks on this ancient relationship. But the significance of the River and the Salmon are difficult to explain in objective Western frameworks of science and may be impossible to understand for those who measure Mother Earth's bounty in numeric values. Case in point: Salmon and the environment they depend on have been under a series of continuous assaults since settler invasion — from mining to timber harvesting to grazing and damming, and now to irrigating for cannabis. Reflecting on battles over fishing rights in western courtrooms, Susan Masten (Yurok), tribal chair of the Yurok Tribe and president of the National Congress of the American Indians at the turn of the 21st century, declared: “We are salmon people. We couldn't let anyone take that from us.” And the Yurok Tribe has held this responsibility through its consistent efforts at Salmon protection and dam removal.

Within Yurok epistemology, the Klamath River is a living being. As a Yurok person, I understand the Klamath as a vein that connects me to the Earth. It is central to what historian Vine Deloria Jr. (Standing Rock Sioux) called our “sacred geography,” and is often referred to as an “umbilical cord to the Earth.” Struggles over water figure centrally in Indigenous fights for sovereignty and nationhood. As Indigenous peoples around the globe rise up to defend and protect our waters, we

are fighting for the future of the Earth, our peoples and all living beings.

In 2016, the eyes of the world turned to watch the Standing Rock Sioux Nation and their allies spanning the globe rise up to challenge the construction of an oil pipeline. The Oceti Sakowin Nation of the Mni Sose (Missouri River) have a prophecy about Zuzeca Sapa, or Black Snake. Nick Estes (Lower Brule Sioux Tribe), in his book *Our History Is the Future: Standing Rock versus the Dakota Access Pipeline, and the Long Tradition of Indigenous Resistance* (2019), writes:

Prophecy told of Zuzeca Sapa, the Black Snake, extending itself across the land and imperiling all life, beginning with the water. From its heads, or many heads, it would spew death and destruction. Zuzeca Sapa is [Dakota Access Pipeline] — and all oil pipelines trespassing through Indigenous territory. But while the Black Snake prophecy foreshadows doom, it also foreshadows historic resistance and resurgent Indigenous histories not seen for generations, if ever. To protect Unci Maka, Grandmother Earth, Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples will have to unite to turn back to the forces destroying the earth — capitalism and colonialism. But prophets and prophecies do not predict the future, nor are they mystical, ahistorical occurrences. They are simply diagnoses of the times in which we live, and visions of what

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 to get free.
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 this story on
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 By then, water
 protectors
 were facing
 arrest; six
 days later law
 enforcement
 began the
 use of tear
 gas and water
 cannons. Safe
 on my college
 campus, I
 attended
 a Standing
 Rock teach-
 in at the
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 of Califor-
 nia, Davis.
 Facilitators
 brought us
 up to speed
 on what had
 happened
 to water protec-
 tors; we discussed educational resources.
 However, the part of this event I still
 think about quite frequently was an Oceti
 Sakowin Nation prophecy shared by my
 colleague Jessa Rae Growing Thunder
 (Dakota/Nakoda/Assiniboine). Even apart
 from Growing Thunder being a terrific
 storyteller, her words captivated me. Like
 in Estes's telling, Zuzeca Sapa, or the Black
 Snake, would bring great destruction
 and the people would have to rise up to
 defeat it. Though I arrived at this teach-in
 prepared to think about Standing Rock
 and the ways I could support the activ-
 ism occurring on my college campus, as I
 biked back to my apartment, my mind was
 not on Cannon Ball, North Dakota, at all
 — no, I was thinking about the ancestral
 homeland of my people in Northwestern
 California. And it dawned on me that my
 people, too, were fighting their own black
 snake.
 During the summer of 2014, I was hired
 as an environmental technician at the
 Yurok Tribe Environmental Program. On
 the morning of July 21, I stared out the
 window of the commute rig as we made
 our way up U.S. Highway 101 to Klamath.
 I remember sitting at my desk, sipping
 weak coffee. After logging into my email,
 I saw a *Los Angeles Times* article that had

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*From Gold Rush to Green Rush
 in Indigenous Northern California*



been forwarded to all tribal employees:
 “Massive Raid to Help Yurok Tribe Combat
 Illegal Pot Grows.” While I sat safely in that
 office, other tribal members and em-
 ployees, accompanied by dozens of law
 enforcement officers clad in camouflage
 and carrying assault rifles, made their way
 upriver. Their goal that morning was to
 eradicate cannabis cultivation and docu-
 ment the resulting environmental damag-
 es, both within and beyond the boundary
 of the Yurok Indian Reservation.
 Operation Yurok was a tribe-led
 cannabis eradication campaign that
 took place from 2014 to 2017, designed
 to eliminate environmentally hazardous
 trespass cultivation. One of the primary
 concerns of the campaign was to address
 illicit water diversion used for cannabis
 production. But we didn’t have just one
 clearly visible black snake to battle —
 there were hundreds, probably even
 thousands, hidden away in the hills. Our
 black snakes are not constructed of metal
 or filled with oil. Instead, our black snakes
 are made of polyethylene. Small and thin,
 and sometimes nearly invisible, if you do
 not know where to look, our black snakes
 are scattered over hillsides, siphoning
 water from springs and streams to thirsty

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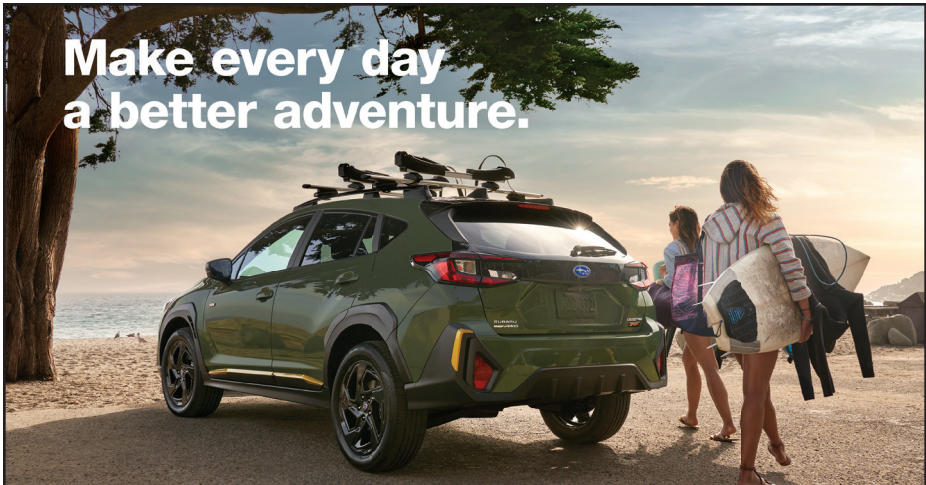
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to the Gold Rush—era ideology of Manifest Destiny, resource extraction and wealth accumulation. For California Indians, the Gold Rush was an apocalypse aimed at destroying Indigenous cultural and ecological worlds. The state of California was founded on genocidal violence toward California Indians, on Indigenous land dispossession and on resource extraction. I argue violence against the landscape is mirrored or paralleled in violence against Indigenous bodies. Just as our Rivers are attacked by black snakes, so are our peoples, our cultures.

This violence has been fundamental for the creation and maintenance of the state of California. The contemporary Green Rush violence against In-

digenous lands, waters, and bodies cannot be understood in isolation. It is part of a larger historical pattern of the violence associated with resource "rushing." While state-sponsored militias no longer commit for-profit murder of California Indians, our traditional gatherers and basketweavers have faced threats, fear of physical violence and intimidation from trespass grow operations. More-than-human relatives have been intentionally poisoned and exposed to chemicals located at grow sites. Whether it be oil pipelines or cannabis irrigation infrastructure, these black snakes are merely symptoms of two greater foes: capitalism and colonialism. Resource rushing, guided by the rush mentality, is a violent settler-colonial pattern of resource extraction that has been repeatedly played out — first gold, then timber, then fish and now cannabis.

California Indians have watched this pattern play out over and over again. We already know how the story ends. Everywhere we look, it seems, lands and waters are being desecrated in the name of profit. But as Estes notes, the Zuzeca Sapa prophecy foretells resistance and resurgence to capitalist and colonialist forces. We are rising up. ●

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Free Meals and Skills for Kids at the J Café

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J Café staffers Louisa Hunsucker and Ian Rowley with a handful of young diners
Photo by Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

At one end of the J Café, a little girl in a pink skirt perches on the arm of an overstuffed chair and scrapes her teeth on the skin of a green apple. At the other end, a couple of kids are using tongs to add fresh black cherries and watermelon wedges on their paper plates beside scoops of chicken fajita filling, beans, brown rice and folded whole wheat tortillas.

The newly opened café in the Jefferson Community Center seats around 25 at its window counter and wooden four-top tables. And during the summer, when vital school lunch service isn't available, it serves freshly made free lunches to kids 18 and under Monday through Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The community center has been feeding local kids free meals for a few years, including a to-go program during the pandemic. The cheery little dining room with its robin's eggshell blue walls takes that mission a step further, folding in job training and serving as a gathering space.

Morgen Whitesul, who facilitates group-focused child activities at the center, scoops a few of her Spider-Man-suited toddler's abandoned broccoli florets onto her plate. "I feel like I've eaten my body weight in broccoli," she says with a laugh. Other vegetables are more popular with little ones, "and the cut-up fruit is always a hit." The meals, provided with funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, must include a protein and meat alternative, a vegetable, a grain and a fruit, according to the program guidelines. Today's chicken fajitas fit the bill and went over well, if the shaggy-haired kid licking his fork at the next table is any indication.

Chef Chelsea Sterling heads the kitchen, but on Thursday it was Louisa Hun-

sucker managing the meals with 18-year-old intern Ian Rowley.

Rowley, explains Jefferson Community Center coordinator Sadhbh Flynn, is a paid intern and a graduate of the Jefferson Youth Culinary Arts Program, which partners with Alder Grove Charter School's Career Technology Education program. Under Sterling's tutelage, students taking culinary classes work at the Jefferson's kitchen, applying the skills they've learned while earning class credit.

"We learned how to do different French techniques, sauces, all kinds of pasta," says Rowley, who wears black framed glasses and a downy buzz cut. He clocks in at 9:30 a.m. to start lunch prep and totals 20 hours a week. "I like the people here," he says. Unlike working shifts at a typical fast-food joint, he says, "We actually prepare most food from scratch and I just find that more fun." He thinks he's found his calling, too, and will start at College of the Redwoods in the fall, hoping to earn an associate's degree in business before heading to the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute.

Flynn nudges him to talk about his "secret sauce" that won him an award at a burger competition hosted by the OCCI.

He gives a small shrug and says he beat out some 14 competitors. But on the sauce's ingredients, he is mum.

Hunsucker, who landed in the Jefferson Community Center kitchen after completing a job training program working construction at a hostel being built in Eureka, sees a lot of value in the student training there. She says they learn practical skills like prep, proper storage and temperature guidelines and following rules and procedures to earn food handling and alcohol service certificates. "I think if [Ian] were to want to move on ... he's very hireable. He's

very knowledgeable about the kitchen," she says.

Kids coming up to the counter get a big smile from Hunsucker, who says she prefers kitchen work and enjoys getting to know the regulars among the 10 to 15 kids they serve per day. "Some of them are hungry," she says, adding she sometimes wishes she could send them home with more food.

While the meals can serve a vital need for families grappling with food insecurity, the space itself offers respite, too. "There's this magical place where I can help the community and bring my kids. ... 'It's this hidden gem,'" says Whitesul of the Jefferson Community Center. The group activities she runs offer a place for kids to be kids, "to chat and hang out, to just create and be wild," she says, "a cool meeting place" for both children and their sometimes isolated and/or overwhelmed parents and caretakers.

While the lunches are just for kids, the J Café also has morning hours Monday through Thursday when anyone can come in and buy coffee and espresso drinks, as well as whatever muffin or pastry is on offer that day. The prices cover the cost of ingredients and any excess goes back into the community center, says Flynn, who adds there's free produce from the garden on Saturdays, too.

"People love the community feel of it," says Flynn. "It's just a nice little vibe in here." ●

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A Tale of Two Characters

Wild Abandon's *Character Study* and Makeshift Kink's *Ambulance Eternal*

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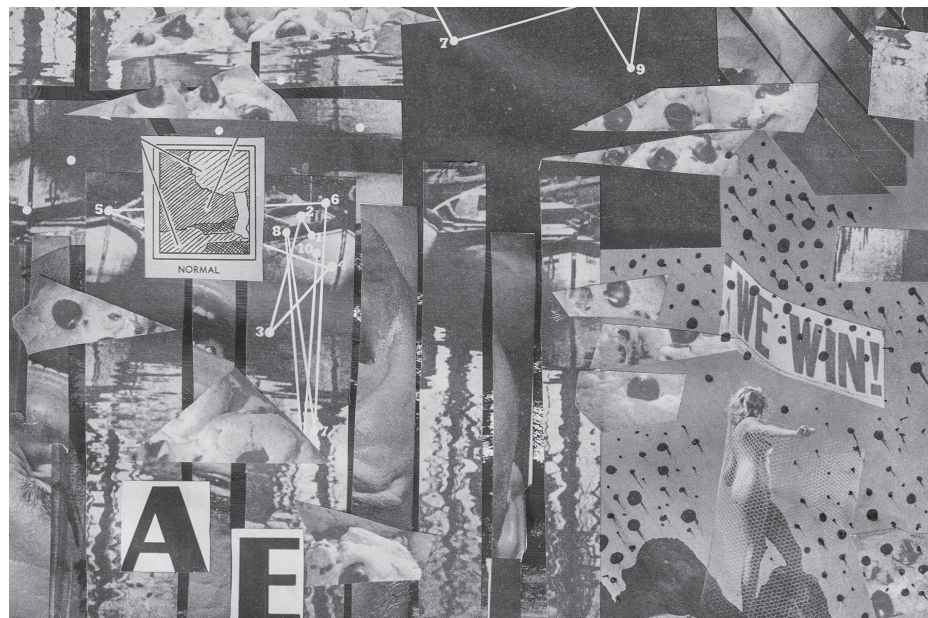
Pairing is a weird notion, particularly in art and music, where not every comparison is consonant. A lot is left up to individual taste, as well, which is the nature of critical study. My general criteria for reviewing local music is as follows: I won't write about anything I disliked (this town ain't big enough for that); I do my best to judge the music on the merits of what the musician was trying to achieve rather than my own tastes; and I prefer to review albums from artists whose performances I have seen. With the boilerplate all taken care of, I am happy to present two rich and dynamic releases from artists you have the opportunity to check out live this month. These records complement each other and, while unlikely, it would be nice to see their respective creators share the stage someday.

Wild Abandon has been honing its roots rock and pop bona fides with enough time and skill to garner a local following. The band's live shows are a treat, with stage banter and dancing plastered into the bright patina of solid musicianship. Their sophomore record *Character Study* builds on a sound that dips into a few familiar sonic inkwells from yesteryear without being derivative. As was the case with the band's first release, 2018's *Grayscale*, I would gamble on the songs being much better when live than canned, but I did have a lovely time walking the neighborhood hearing the mix on headphones. Credit that to a quintet of capable musicians led by singer and guitarist Melanie Barnett, whose harmonies with

singer Marley Jarvis sit well in the mix over a solid foundation of bass, drums and lead guitar. No window dressing needed here.

The lead track "Alaskan Beauty" has an accompanying video on YouTube and feels like it was made to be The One, pushing the indie rock aesthetics into a Humboldt context — I have often referred to our county as the Alaska of California. However, despite its prominence, it is not the best song on the record. In fact, as it unfolds over eight songs, it gets better. The second tune "Spitting Image" takes a few more chances with a 10,000 Maniacs vibe but, for my money, the best track comes in at the end of the first half. "Future Selves," the fourth track, has it all, by which I mean every little thing that this band does well: playful and driving drums, provocative leads, chugging and jangly rhythm guitar buttressing a solid vocal display of fine lyricism. Shoutout to workhorse players Gabe Lubowe on drums, bassist Nate Zwerdling and lead six-stringer Cory Goldman. I selfishly wanted a little more bass in the mix but that's a personal prejudice borne from a past life as a four-string journeyman. It's all good.

You can give it a listen for yourself on most of the major online platforms (Spotify, Apple Music, Bandcamp, Amazon, something called Deezer). Even better, you can check Wild Abandon out in its natural environment, a live show at Humbrews, on July 8. (See Setlist on page 18). Either way, Wild Abandon continues to be a winning collaboration and a banger of a live draw.



Album art for Makeshift Kink's *Ambulance Eternal* by Shea Mitchell. Submitted

On the other end of the stringed spectrum comes Makeshift Kink, a late-night ambient pop collage by local musician Shea Mitchell, perhaps most recently recognizable to show-goers as the drummer for rock trio The Sugar Boys. As I mentioned in my preamble, this town (and county) ain't big, and I tend to get to know everyone sooner or later in the music scene, but it's worth disclosing that Shea and I used to be roommates while navigating the precarious maze of Arcata's real estate market. That doesn't influence my review positively, though — I'd happily break one of my foundational rules and flame his skinny ass to charcoal if he turned out a cheesy display. Sadly for the haters and drama-mongers out there, this is far from the case.

Over a howling and intimate record that rhymes in sequencing with Wild Abandon — eight tracks of tunes — this one-fella act pleads the case for whispered lullabies over sonic devastation. Pop hooks galore embedded in enough driving drums and bass grind, reverbed distortion and longform keyboard vistas to make you lean in to really get what's going on. You're rewarded with a sensitivity that refuses to be twee or cloying, but is still unabashedly pop brilliance. And while I am

a massive fan of covers that depart entirely from their originals — there's a Ramones song in here that fits that bill — my favorite track is "Reservation." I don't know how much of the end result comes from the mix mastering by globetrotting, concrete musician Brian Pyle, but his name is worth a mention, as Mitchell conceived of and played everything else.

You can hear the whole thing on YouTube and, if you want to get into it properly, I'd suggest listening to it at home or driving, while deep in the night, and as a fine companion to a river day with Wild Abandon. If you'd like to see it realized live, keep an eye on the Setlist, as Mitchell has assembled a crew to perform these slow burners live at the Miniplex on July 26. Whether that crew can deliver on stage with the same jouissance as Wild Abandon, I am dead serious that I'd like to see the two acts on the same bill some night. And my inside roulette dolly bet says that you would, too. Viva. ●

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Gardening in the Gloom

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Beware standing water in the garden — even a bottlecap's worth can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

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If you're a gardener, you're probably wondering what in the ever-living gahhh is going on with the weather this year. First, we had unending rain, then the rain stopped. Sort of. Then it came back. Then it went away. But wait! The overcast skies moved in after that. Lots and lots of overcast skies or fog. Dense, thick fog. The kind of fog that makes your friends and relations never want to fly into ACV airport again, since they were flown back to SFO.

Oh, sure, we've had a few sunny days here and there. In fact, according to my 10-year garden journal, we got up to 81 degrees back on May 14 here in the Elk River area. Sure, we had a few days of sun in early June but overall, the weather has been rather dismal. Even farther inland, areas like Blue Lake and Freshwater, which are usually basking in sunshine when us coasties are whining about the fog, have been socked in. And before any old-timers tell me, "it used to always be this way," I'm here to tell you it wasn't. I've talked to plenty of old-timers who've told me this has been an unusually cool spring and start of summer. Not to mention my 23 years of garden record keeping. There's a reason it's called "Fogust" and not "Fogmay." On the coast, we get this sort of nonsense in August, generally speaking.

So. What to do with all of this cool weather? You can still garden, just not the usual gardening on the coast. Tomatoes? I cannot use laughing emojis here, according to the editor, but if I could, I would use about 20. OK, if you have a greenhouse, you might get away with some tomatoes or peppers.

But crops like lettuces and brassicas thrive in cooler climates. You can continue to direct sow these crops through much of the summer and even a few in the fall. Radishes, arugula, lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, spinach and beets can all be sown now through the next two months or so.

What else can you do in the garden? Water. Water regularly. Even though it's

been cool and overcast more than it's been sunny, the garden is thirsty. Especially on those windy days, when we're blessed with some sunshine. Wind dries out plants and soil very quickly, so make sure you keep on top of watering. Direct watering at the base of the plants is preferable if you can manage it. Soaker hoses or drip lines help direct water to the roots, rather than to the leaves. All this dampness/cool means that diseases are waiting to strike your poor squash plants, roses and garlic, if you haven't harvested the garlic yet.

Have you harvested your garlic yet? I haven't but I planted mine a bit late. If you have hardneck garlic, they will likely have put out scapes by now. This is the garlic bulb trying to produce a flower. You don't want it to produce the flower. Snip off the scapes just after they start to curl around. After about another two to three weeks, it's time to harvest your garlic. Some varieties were ready for harvesting a few weeks ago but not all of them are ready. If you check at the local farmers markets, you'll see that some vendors have garlic available now, but more will be coming in the next month or so.

Another bumper crop thriving at my place right now: mosquitoes. Tons of mosquitoes. I am descended upon by clouds of mosquitoes when I go to the front yard, the garden or, well, just about anywhere on the property. It's gotten a bit better since I set out some homemade mosquito traps but those little suckers (ha!) are still doing quite well. They can reproduce in as little as a bottle cap of water, so go around your garden/yard/property and empty any standing water you find. Tarps, saucers under potted plants, water

features that are still — all these are prime mosquito breeding grounds.

Set up some bat houses! Did you know a bat can eat up to 1,200 mosquito-sized insects in an hour? A single bat eats between 6,000-8,000 insects each night, so encourage them to take up residence at your place. I have three bat houses here and love watching them at dusk when they swoop down over the garden to nosh on all those pesky mosquitoes.

A good trap for mosquitoes can be made with something as simple as a 5-gallon bucket filled with a few inches of water, some straw and some mosquito bits or dunks. These bits or dunks are made up of BT (*Bacillus thuringiensis serotype israelensis*, which is why most people refer to it as "BT"). It's harmless to aquatic life and other critters, but not to the mosquito larvae. Sure, a bucket of gunk isn't the most attractive garden ornament but I'll take it over being eaten alive by the little blood suckers any day.

Don't forget to mulch your thirsty plants, even though it's cool and overcast. This will help retain moisture after you've watered. And stay on top of those weeds. That's my biggest challenge right now. Besides the mosquitoes.

Here's hoping the sun comes out for a more extended period of time in the near future. Given my luck, by the time this column is published, it will be very sunny and everyone will wonder what I'm talking about. One can only hope.

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I'm writing this under the influence of the waxing Buck Moon and maybe it's the weather, or the masses of asses clogging up the roads and beaches, but I am definitely feeling a sense of power and excitement with tinges of manic frustration. As I may have alluded to before, the effect of the full moon on human behavior is the only form of astrology I am completely on board with, and God help anyone who ends up in jail or the emergency room (or even worse, Redding) as a result of the long super-moon and holiday weekend. That said, I'm feeling mostly awesome about this week. The rivers are perfect right now (at least the ones I've been to) and there are some truly righteous shows on the immediate dashboard horizon (at least the ones I'm telling you about). We're in the zone here, people, and even the economic hideousness of the lick-the-bag-and-bust-the-copper-out-of-the-walls era of American capitalism can't bring my spirits down, gas prices notwithstanding. I don't care at the moment that we are ruled by repulsive lich kings, I feel alive. It's a sun's out, buns out, guns out and funs out kind of summer right now, and I aim to make the most of it. No amount of *Adharma* can quash the spirit of my soul's blessed avatar as I bask in a few 24-hour cycles absolutely soaked with the twin beacons of the sun and the moon. And I hope for sympathetic experiences for you, too, dear reader. The fog has retreated from the coast for now, like the darkness in the hall replaced by the light of the Holy Grail in *Parsifal*, the brightness of sun and the moon are our salvation, for today anyway. Who knows what will happen by press time, as our weather here is more fickle than the hill? I just wanted to share a quick snapshot for the sake of history. Now go make some of that.

Thursday

The Siren's Song Tavern is hosting an alternative rock night at 7:30 p.m. **Frequency With-in** is a touring act from SoCal, while local heavies **Drastic Gnarlys**

anchor things down in the 707. I don't know the door charge as of press time, but if you leave the house with \$20, you should be able to cover the entrance fee and a drink or two.

Friday

Bonny Doon is a trio that originally hails from Detroit but has since spread its members across the lower 48, from New York City to California. As is the case with many acts booked at the Miniplex, the band has a ton of DIY folk and country cred, having stretched out beyond its own considerable oeuvre to operate as the backing band for indie folk powerhouse Waxahatchee. This is a versatile group of players with their own sweet thing going and you'll likely enjoy it. Come over to the stage at Richards Goat at 9 p.m. to see what I mean (\$15).

Saturday

As I mentioned in my dual record review (page 16), the good people in **Wild Abandon** are putting on a shindig at Hum-brews tonight to showcase their second album *Character Study*. Along for the ride are rising local pop stars **The California Poppies**, as well as DJs **Bumblecrow** and **Choppa Whoppa**. Starting time is 8 p.m. and \$10 buys access to the entire evening's entertainment.



Cadillac Ranch and others play Perigot Park on Sunday, July 9, during the Annie and Mary Day festival. *Submitted*

Sunday

We're properly into the month of July, which means those of us lucky and local enough to stay through the warm months have some OG milestones to recapture and celebrate. Chief among them is Annie and Mary Day, Blue Lake's tribute to a pair of bookkeepers who worked for the Arcata Mad River Rail Line at the beginning of the 20th century, all worked out in the form of a daylong fiesta in Perigot Park starting at 11 a.m. There's a lot of vending going on, so I'll focus on my beat and remind you that there will be some fine musical performances by the likes of **Cadillac Ranch**, **Checkered Past**, **Fickle Hill** and **Dead On**. As is tradition, this family-friendly event is free.

Monday

Savage Henry Comedy Club is throwing a changeup pitch on its regular Metal Monday to present a Goth music twist. Come join Milwaukee, Wisconsin's **Con-vert**, Portland's **Father's Milk**, Oakland's **Silence in the Snow** and local heroes **Psyop Victim** and **DJ Dastbunny** for a night of darkwave and distortion at 7 p.m. (\$10).

Tuesday

Blondies is a venue I always like to mention, as it used to be a neighborhood

haunt of mine and I have a file cabinet of good show memories there. Tonight at 7p.m., it hosts Los Angeles acts **Human Musik**, **Soundfrom**, **SpaceyY**, **Telltale Ballroom** and recognized locals **Drastic Gnarlys**. It's only \$5 to find out what everyone is all about, which seems like quite a deal.

Wednesday

Solo acts are an occasional treat in this column, as the people involved often seem to be extra dedicated and focused on their work in a way that often can't be as intense when diffused across a larger ensemble or band. **Plexusplay** is one such artist, a performer whose work is defined by a virtuosic relationship with mal-let-based chromatic instruments and EDM club-style visuals. The Arcata Playhouse is hosting this eccentric prodigy at 7 p.m., and for \$15 (\$10 for students), you can have a gander at a *sui generis* musical being at the height of his talent. ●

Collin Yeo (he/him) is someone who, despite his personal politics, loves reactionary art. Right now, for instance, he is listening to Wagner. He lives in Arcata, which is about 5,600 miles from Bayreuth, as the jet flies.

Calendar

July 6 – 13, 2023



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Submitted

Hello, summer! Festivals galore await us at every turn. In sunny **Blue Lake** this weekend, it's the 46th annual **Annie & Mary Day**, happening **Sunday, July 9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** (free admission). The celebration of the historic Arcata Mad River Rail Line (and namesakes Annie Carroll and Mary Buckley), starts off with a "quirky" parade at 11 a.m. with music, giant puppets, antique cars, floats and horses, followed by an all-day festival in **Perigot Park** with craft vendors, beverages, barbecue and other food. Plop your lawn chair down in the grass and enjoy live music from Fickle Hill, Dead On, Cadillac Ranch and Checkered Past.

Celebrate the Notorious BIG (foot, that is) at **Bigfoot Daze, Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** in **Willow Creek** (free admission). The 61st annual family-friendly festival offers a downtown parade and a slew of activities at Veterans Park, including food and vendor booths, a horseshoe tournament, ice cream social, Bigfoot calling contest, watermelon eating contest and logging competition. Enjoy live music by Arkaingelle and Winstrong w/the WiseDem Band and Absynth Quartet, plus sets by DJ Pandemonium Jones.

Hang on to your hats, there's a whole mess of rodeo fun going down this week as the **Fortuna Rodeo** gets buckin' **July 8** through **16**. You can round up the festivities all over town starting with the Rodoni Roundup on Saturday, July 8 at the Fortuna Rodeo Grounds, followed by the Fortuna Rodeo Run on Sunday, July 9, and the spicy Fortuna Chili Cook-off happening Monday, July 10. The rest of the week rounds out with a carnival, a parade, a barbecue, motorsports, live music and, of course, all the rodeo action you can lasso. Get the full schedule in the Fortuna Rodeo Guide in this week's *Journal* or online at fortunarodeo.com.

6 Thursday

ART

Field Guide to a Crisis: Strategies for Survival from People in Recovery. 12-5 p.m. Brenda Tuxford Gallery, 422 First St., Eureka. This exhibition, developed by artist Justin Maxon, showcases artwork created through an ongoing, socially engaged art project. View in gallery or online. inkpeople.org/nowshowing.

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. With a live model. Bring your own art supplies. Call to contact Clint. \$5. synopsisperformance.com. (707) 362-9392.

COMEDY

Drink & Draw. 6 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Self-guided art space and place hosted by Jessica Grant. Bring your own supplies or use ours. Snacks, drinks, friendly atmosphere. All ages w/caution for language. Ages 21 and up. Free. info@savagehenrycomedy.com. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

MUSIC

Deckhands. 6-8 p.m. The Boardroom Ferndale, 406 Main St. Deckhands will perform live on The Boardroom Ferndale's stage. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Free. boardroomferndale.com.

Fieldbrook Winery Thursday Evening Concert Series. 5:30-8 p.m. Fieldbrook Winery, 4241 Fieldbrook Road. Enjoy live music every Thursday night outdoors. July 6: Cadillac Ranch, July 13: SoHum Girls. fieldbrookwinery.com.

Hip Hop Thursdays. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. The Jam, 915 H St., Arcata. Chuck Angeles, Starcata and Pressure. Free. thejamarcata.com. (707) 822-5266.

Live Music at RCB. 6-9 p.m. Redwood Curtain Brewing Co. Myrtle Ave. Tasting Room, 1595 B Myrtle Ave., Eureka. Live music on the outside patio. Full schedule online. Free. redwoodcurtainbrewing.com. (707) 269-7143.

McKinleyville Community Choir Rehearsal. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Arcata Presbyterian Church, 670 11th St. Join if you

like to sing or play an instrument. Reading music or prior experience not necessary. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening. ccgreene46@gmail.com. (831) 419-3247.

Music in the Park. 6-8 p.m. Pierson Park, 1608 Pickett Road, McKinleyville. Summer concert series in the park. Live music, food trucks. July 6: The Undercovers. Free.

Music Video Mashup. 9 p.m. Thirsty Bear Lounge, Bear River Casino Resort, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. Free. bearrivercasino.com.

Summer Concert Series. 6-8 p.m. Madaket Plaza, Foot of C Street, Eureka. Open-air music each week on Eureka's waterfront. Patino's Mexican Food Truck and Cap's Food Shack will be on site each week. Presented by Eureka Main Street. July 6, Fargo Brothers (rhythm & blues); July 13, Breaker One 9 (country). Free. eurekamainstreet.org.

FOR KIDS

Free Summer Food Program. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. Free fresh lunches for kids and teens 18 and under prepared by chef Chelsea. No income requirements or registration. Closed July 24-28. Served on site in the J Cafe. Free. facebook.com/jefferson.project.

FOOD

Henderson Center Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Henderson Center, Henderson near F Street, Eureka. Fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, jam, plants and more. Music and hot food vendors. No pets are allowed, but trained, ADA certified, service animals are welcome. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/hendersoncenter.html. (707) 441-9999.

Volunteer Orientation Food for People. 3-4 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Help fight hunger and improve nutrition in the community. Visit the website to be invited to a Zoom orientation. Free. volunteer@foodforpeople.org. foodforpeople.org/volunteering. (707) 445-3166, ext. 310.

Willow Creek Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m. Veteran's Park, 100 Kimtu Road, Willow Creek. Fresh fruits and vegetables, fish, artisans and more. Music and hot food vendors. No pets are allowed, but trained, ADA certified, service animals are welcome. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org.

org.northcoastgrowersassociation.org/willowcreek.html. (707) 441-9999.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 2-5 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. Wilderness immersion program for teens and adults. Explore trails and share mindfulness practices, group conversation and other eco-therapeutic activities. Adults meet Thursdays, teens meet one Saturday a month. Transportation provided for Eureka residents. Please pre-register. Free. swood2@eurekaca.gov. eurekaheroes.org. (707) 382-5338.

ETC

Restorative Movement. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. SoHum Health presents classes focused on strength and mobility (Tuesday), and on relaxation and breath work (Thursday). Contact instructor Ann Constantino for online orientation. \$3-\$5 donation per class, no one is turned away for lack of funds. annconstantino@gmail.com. sohumhealth.org. (707) 923-3921.

DJS

DJ Statik and Friends. 9 p.m. Thirsty Bear Lounge, Bear River Casino Resort, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. Your favorite hits. Free. bearrivercasino.com.

Throw 'Em Back Thursdays. First Thursday of every month, 9 p.m. Wave Lounge, Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way. DJ Statik spinning throwback, hip hop and R&B. Free. bluelakecasino.com/entertainment/wave.

OTHER

Trivia Night at the Historic Scotia Lodge. First Thursday of every month, 6-8 p.m. Scotia Lodge, 100 Main St. Free to join and prizes to the winners. All ages. Free. scotia-lodge.com/hosted-events. (707) 298-7139.

OPEN MIC

Blondies Open Mic. 6 p.m. Blondies Food And Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata. Share your gifts. Free. blondies-foodanddrink.com.

Siren's Song Open Mic. 7 p.m. The Siren's Song Tavern, 325 Second St., Eureka. Step up to the mic. Free. sirens-songtavern.com.

KARAOKE

G.O.A.T. Karaoke at the Goat. 8:30 p.m. Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room Miniplex, 401 I St., Arcata. Supportive atmosphere, more than 45,000 songs to choose from, all skill levels welcome. Two-drink minimum purchase at the bar. Ages 21 and up. info@miniplexevents.com. instagram.com/richardsgoat/. (707) 630-5000.

7 Friday

ART

Field Guide to a Crisis: Strategies for Survival from People in Recovery. 12-5 p.m. Brenda Tuxford Gallery, 422 First St., Eureka. See July 6 listing.

Outer Roominations. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The Bluff, 2550 Table Bluff Road, Loleta. A site-specific performance and installation festival in the Eel River Valley. Hike the trails, picnic and immerse yourself in art and nature. Tickets available via the Outer Roominations Instagram page. \$20 and up.

COMEDY

But Wait ... There's More. 11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. In late night TV style, Mark Sanders hosts a panel of comedians for jokes, comedy games and banter. Snacks, drinks, friendly atmosphere. All ages w/caution for language. \$5. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

Matt Curry and Papp Johnson. 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Matt Curry has performed at comedy festivals including SF Sketchfest, Comedy Central's Clusterfest and the Edinburgh Comedy Festival. Papp Johnson offers audiences "thoughtful stupidity that will make you feel bad for laughing at his observations." \$10. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

Pros and Context. 7-8 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Taking on a new state each week to explore its pros and cons through improv comedy. Snacks, drinks. All ages w/caution for language. Free. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

DANCE

Live Music Folk Dance Party. First Friday of every month, 8-10:30 p.m. Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., Arcata. The Humboldt Folk Dancers host an international folk dance party with easy dances, music by Chubritza and the Balkan Music Meetup. All ages and dance levels welcome. \$5 sliding scale. kurumada@humboldt.edu. humboldtfolk dancers.org. (707) 496-6734.

MUSIC

The Critics. Blondies Food And Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata. Rock. blondiesfoodanddrink.com.

First Friday Blues Jam w/Andy B. First Friday of every month, 7-10 p.m. Phatsy Kline's Parlor Lounge, 139 Second St., Eureka. An evening of blues and jams with host Andy B and Friends. Free. historiceaglehouse.com/live-music-events. (707) 407-0634.

First Friday Market. 4-7 p.m. Herb & Market Humboldt, 427 H St., Arcata. Live glass blowing, DJ Deaf Eye, Cosmic Churros, pre-7/10 party. Free. Herbandmarket@gmail.com. (707) 630-4221.

Friday Night Jazz. 8-10 p.m. The SpeakEasy, 411 Opera Alley, Eureka. Live local jazz with the Opera Alley Cats. Free. elvisatemydonuts@hotmail.com. (707) 444-2244.

Live Music at FM. 6-8:30 p.m. Fieldbrook Market & Eatery, 4636 Fieldbrook Road. Every Friday, local bands play folk, bluegrass, Americana. Always family friendly. Check Facebook or Instagram for the lineup. Free. fieldbrookmarket@gmail.com. (707) 633-6097.

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YO! First Fridays. First Friday of every month, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. The Jam, 915 H St., Arcata. A 90's 2000's night with DJM, PhotoBooth and YO! Merch. \$10. thejamarcata.com. (707) 822-5266.

EVENTS

Food for People Benefit w/Music by Amber Soul. 8-10 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. Come out and support food security in the community. \$20 suggested donation.

Friday Night Market. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Old Town, Eureka, 317 Third St. A bustling farmers market, arts and craft vendors, bar featuring the Humboldt produced beverages, a variety of food vendors and live music for dancing on three stages. Free. humboldtmade.com/eureka-friday-night-market.

Lost Coast Kennel Club's 21st Annual All-Breed Show. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. Daily events until the last dog is judged. LostCoastKC.org.

Monthly Tarot Card Readings at HBSC. First Friday of every month, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Humboldt Bay Social Club, 900 New Navy Base Road, Samoa. Tarot card readings with Nina Fazio-Dean @The_wise_one_8. \$15. humboldtbaysocialclub.com. (707) 502-8544.

FOR KIDS

Kid's Night at the Museum. 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20. info@discovery-museum.org. discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

Weekly Preschool Storytime. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers and other family members. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humboldtgov.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=8274. (707) 269-1910.

FOOD

Bear River Tribal Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bear River Family Entertainment Center, 263 Keisner Road, Loleta. Locally produced foods, handmade goods and crafts, massage, food trucks, bowling and arcade. bearriverfec.com.

Garberville Farmers Market. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Garberville Town Square, Church Street. Fresh produce, meat, fish, cheese, eggs, bread, flowers and more. Music and hot food vendors. No pets, but trained, ADA-certified, service animals are welcome. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/garberville.html. (707) 441-9999.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Help with animal care, weeding, watering, planting and occasional harvest help on Saturday mornings. Volunteers get free produce. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

MEETINGS

Language Exchange Meetup. First Friday of every month, 5-7 p.m. Familia Coffee, 1350 Ninth St., Arcata. Speak your native language. Teach someone a language. Learn a language. familiacoffees.com/. (925) 214-8099.

SPORTS

All Bike Shootout. Samoa Drag Strip, Lincoln Avenue and New Navy Base Road. All bikes welcome. samoadragstrip.com/.

Humboldt Crabs Baseball. 7-10 p.m. Arcata Ball Park, Ninth and F streets. Independent, collegiate, wood-bat baseball games on most Tuesdays (7 p.m.), Wednesdays (7 p.m.), Fridays (7 p.m.) and Saturday nights (6:30 p.m.).

Sunday games at 12:30 p.m. Tickets available at Wildberries Marketplace or online. No tickets at the gates. Gates open one hour prior to start time. Outside food, empty water containers, blankets, folding chairs and credit cards are accepted. \$10. humboldtcrabs@gmail.com. humboldtcrabs.com/schedule/. (707) 840-5665.

Stock Car Racing. Redwood Acres Raceway, 3750 Harris St., Eureka. Schedule and tickets online. racintheacres.com.

ETC

First Friday Market Series. First Friday of every month, 4-7 p.m. Herb & Market Humboldt, 427 H St., Arcata. Music, food trucks, artisans and more. Must have a doctor's recommendation or be over the age of 21 to enter. Free. Herbandmarket@gmail.com. (707) 630-4221.

OLLI Online: Let's Connect. 10-11 a.m. Weekly chat via Zoom. Facilitated by Tracey Barnes-Priestley. Free. olli@humboldt.edu. extended.humboldt.edu/olli/letsconnect. (707) 826-3731.

Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. SoHum Health presents online classes with short, high intensity cardio workouts. Contact instructor Stephanie Finch by email for a link to the class. Free. sfinch40@gmail.com. sohumhealth.com.

DJS

Irie Vibes Friday. First Friday of every month, 6 p.m.-midnight. Papa Wheelies Pub, 1584 Reasor Road, McKinleyville. Dancehall, reggae, hip hop. facebook.com/Papa-Wheelies-Pub-554485114700702/.

OTHER

Reel Genius Trivia at Old Growth. First Friday of every month, 6-8 p.m. Old Growth Cellars, 1945 Hilfiker Lane, Eureka. General trivia, fun for everyone. Prizes for winners. Max seven people per team. Food truck on site. Free. partners@reelgeniustrivia.com. oldgrowthcellars.com. (707) 601-1606.

KARAOKE

Pretty Kitty Karaoke. 9:30 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Hosted by Jamie Kohl of Little Red fame. Cash only. Ages 21 and up. Veterans welcome. Shuffleboard. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082987501904. (206) 348-9335.

8 Saturday

ART

Field Guide to a Crisis Workshop Series. 1-3 p.m. Old Town Ink Lab, 212 G St., #103, Eureka. Series of workshops applying the exhibition's methodology by responding to the skill from participants. Culminates in a collective 'zine. Attend one or all. Free. tuesdaytumbleweedllc@gmail.com. eventbrite.com/e/field-guide-to-a-crisis-workshop-series-tickets-624609783677?aff=eprofsaved.

Outer Roominations. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The Bluff, 2550 Table Bluff Road, Loleta. See July 7 listing.

COMEDY

Farm to Table: Late Night Comedy. 11 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Baseball Robby curates this small batch artisanal stand-up comedy showcase. \$5. info@savagehenrycomedy.com. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

Matt Curry and Papp Johnson. 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. See July 7 listing.

LECTURE

Fort Humboldt Historic Tour. 1 p.m. Fort Humboldt State Historic Park, 3431 Fort Ave., Eureka. Join interpreter William on an hour-long walking tour of the park. Meet at the flag pole next to the parking lot. Free.

Genealogy Class. 10 a.m.-noon. Redwood Genealogical Library, #5 Park Way, Fortuna. Learn about computer programs for genealogy and how to use them. The lecture will include handouts, Q&A, and assistance with your genealogy. Please RSVP. Free. rgsfortuna@gmail.com. (707) 407-6359.

MUSIC

Banjo Thunder. 7 p.m. Blondies Food And Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata. Dominican Republic music teacher turned professional now touring. All ages. blondies-foodanddrink.com.

Live Music at Fieldbrook Winery. 1:30-4 p.m. Fieldbrook Winery, 4241 Fieldbrook Road. Outdoor weekend music series. Saturdays will feature electric bands. Sundays will offer more acoustic or semi-acoustic folk and American groups or quieter jazz combos. Free admission. fieldbrookwinery.com.

Live Music: The Tide Pool High Divers. 6-9 p.m. Redwood Curtain Brewery & Tasting Room, 550 South G St., #4, Arcata. Country western rockabilly-based, four-piece group, drummer, two guitars and electric bass with three vocalists on lead and or harmony playing old country standards to modern rockers. Free. redwoodcurtainbrewing.com. (707) 826-7222.

Parmalee. 8 p.m. Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad. The ACM "New Vocal Duo/Group of the Year" nominated country act plays its hits like, "Take My Name" and "Girl In Mine." \$89 premium, \$69 house, \$39 standing room. www.cheraeheightscasino.com.

Trinity Alps Chamber Music Festival. 7 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. A diverse lineup of works by Sam Reider such as his Quintet for Accordion and Strings. suggested donation. arcataplayhouse.org.

EVENTS

Baduwa't Festival 2023. Dell'Arte, 131 H St., Blue Lake. Dell'Arte International's four-week summer celebration of theater, family friendly entertainment, music and performance.

Bigfoot Daze. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Veteran's Park, 100 Kimtu Road, Willow Creek. A family-friendly festival with a downtown parade, activities at Veterans Park, horseshoe tournament, watermelon eating contest, Bigfoot call contest and logging competition. Also music, food and vendor booths, volleyball tournament and more. Free. willowcreekchamber.com/bigfoot-daze/.

Book Sale. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St. Wide selection of like new and used books, CDs, movies. All children's books are free. \$3 a bag.

Fortuna Rodeo. Fortuna Rodeo Grounds, at Rohner Park. A full week of rodeo action. Bull and bronc riding, barbecue, carnival, motorsports, parade, bands, brews and more. Full schedule online. fortunarodeo.com.

Lost Coast Kennel Club's 21st Annual All-Breed Show. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. See July 7 listing.

FOR KIDS

Capoeira Stories, Songs, and Movement A Family Literacy Party! 11 a.m.-noon. Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St. and 3-4 p.m. McKinleyville Library, 1606 Pickett Road. Make an instrument and learn songs and stories of Capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian martial art combining self-defense, dance, music and acrobatics. Free. literacyhelpers@gmail.com. www.humlib.org/www.facebook.com/HumboldtLiteracyProject. (707) 269-1910.

FOOD

Arcata Plaza Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Fresh produce, meat, fish, cheese, eggs, bread, flowers and more. Music and hot food vendors. No pets, but trained, ADA-certified, service animals

are welcome. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/arcataplaza.html. (707) 441-9999.

Sea Goat Farmstand. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Fresh veggies grown on site, local eggs and sourdough bread. Work from local artists and artisans. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

GARDEN

Farm Stand. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Table Bluff Farm, 101 Clough Road, Loleta. Regeneratively-grown seasonal veggies, flowers, meats and other items made by Humboldt County locals and small businesses. Cash, card, Venmo, Apple Pay and soon to accept EBT payments. info@tableblufffarm.com. TableBluffFarm.com. (707) 890-6699.

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See July 7 listing.

MEETINGS

Sistahood. 9:30-11 a.m. Virtual World, Online. For women teenagers and older on Zoom, to build healthy relationships and strengthen ties through validation and affirmation. Music from 9:30 a.m., open conversation from 9:45 a.m., meditation with the Sista Prayer Warriors from 10:45 a.m.

Woodturners Meeting. Second Saturday of every month, 1-3 p.m. Almquist Lumber Company, 5301 Boyd Road, Arcata. Exchange ideas, instruction and techniques for safe and successful woodturning. Beginning and experienced turners welcome. Meetings include a themed project demo, show-and-tell opportunities and Q&A. Free. redcoastturners@gmail.com. (707) 616-4922.

OUTDOORS

Algas de la Costa/Seaweed of the Coast. 9-11 a.m. Luffenholtz Beach County Park, Scenic Drive, Trinidad. *Vengan a explorar las diferentes algas que crecen en nuestra costa rocosa con Friends of the Dunes y Trinidad Coastal Land Trust. El espacio es limitado, llame o mande un correo electrónico para confirmar su asistencia.* Join Friends of the Dunes and Trinidad Coastal Land Trust in exploring the diverse seaweed that grows on our rocky shore. Space is limited. Please call or email to save a spot. Free. info@friendsofthedunes.org. friendsofthedunes.org. (707) 444-1397.

Dune Restoration Volunteer Day. Second Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila. Restore the biodiversity of the coastal dunes with the team. Snacks and tools provided. Meet at the center a few minutes before 10 a.m. Free. info@friendsofthedunes.org. friendsofthedunes.org. (707) 444-1397.

FOAM Marsh Tour w/Sharon Levy. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Meet leader Sharon Levy in the lobby of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk focusing on wastewater treatment, marsh history, and/or birds. Free.

Geologic Ruminations of the Lost Coast Hike w/Sam Flanagan. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Black Sands Beach Trailhead, King Range National Conservation Area, Shelter Cove. Explore the geologic processes shaping the Lost Coast with BLM geologist Sam Flanagan on an easy to moderate hike, much along soft sand. Meet at the Black Sands Beach parking area. Registration by email required. info@lostcoast.org. anna@sanctuaryforest.org. lostcoast.org/event/geologic-ruminations-of-the-lost-coast-hike-w-sam-flanagan/.

Guided Birding Field Trip w/Bill Rodstrom. 8:30-11 a.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary, South I Street. Bring binoculars and meet trip leader Bill Rodstrom at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) for easy-to-walk trails and an opportunity to view a diverse range of species. Free. rras.org.

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Habitat Improvement Team Volunteer Workday. Second Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Help restore habitat by removing invasive, non-native plants and maintaining native plant areas. Wear long pants, long sleeves and closed-toe shoes. Bring drinking water. Tools, gloves and snack provided. denise_seeger@fws.gov. fws.gov/refuge/humboldt-bay. (707) 733-5406.

SPORTS

All Bike Shootout. Samoa Drag Strip, Lincoln Avenue and New Navy Base Road. See July 7 listing.

BFC 18 – Bear River Fighting Championship. 6:30 p.m. Bear River Recreation Center, 265 Keisner Road, Loleta. The toughest fighters from around the region step into the ring. \$40-\$1500.

ETC

Old Town Eureka Tours. 12-1:30 p.m. Clarke Historical Museum, Third and E streets, Eureka. A behind-the-scenes look at local history hosted by the Eureka Community Services Department. No registration required. clarkemuseum.org. (707) 441-4080.

OTHER

Fetish Night - So Bad, It's Good. 9 p.m. The Siren's Song Tavern, 325 Second St., Eureka. With DJ Tim Brown. \$15, \$10 before 10 p.m. sirensongtavern.com.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday Canteen. 3-9 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. See the newly remodeled Memorial Building and enjoy a cold beverage in the canteen with comrades. Play pool or darts. If you're a veteran, this place is for you. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

9 Sunday

ART

Outer Roominations. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The Bluff, 2550 Table Bluff Road, Loleta. See July 7 listing.

COMEDY

Stand-up Comedy Workshop. 7-8 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Led by local stand-up comic Jessica Grant. Bring a pen or pencil, and circle up to talk shop about jokes. Open to anyone interested in performing stand-up comedy. Drop-ins welcome. Free, donations accepted. JessicaGrantComedy@gmail.com. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

Sunday Open Mic. 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Sign-ups at 9 p.m., show at 9:30 p.m., local favorite features for the 10@10. Comics get five minutes. Zero hate speech tolerated. All-ages w/caution for language. Snacks, drinks. Free, donations accepted. info@savagehenrycomedy.com. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

MOVIES

Grown Up Movie Night. 6-8 p.m. Scotia Lodge, 100 Main St. Finish off the weekend with classics in the lounge. Food and drinks available at the lodge's Main & Mill restaurant. Movies are PG/PG-13 and titles are listed online. Free. scotia-lodge.com/hosted-events. (707) 298-7139.

MUSIC

Live Music at Fieldbrook Winery. 1:30-4 p.m. Fieldbrook Winery, 4241 Fieldbrook Road. See July 8 listing.

Samba Drumming - All Levels. 4-6 p.m. D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St., Arcata. Join and prepare for the annual North Country Fair. Drums and beginner-friendly instruction provided. Participation in the parade is not required. \$5-\$10 sliding. samba.arcata@gmail.com. sambadaalegría.org/. (804) 409-4039.

Sunday Jazz Jams. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Blondies Food And Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata. Every Sunday. Jazz players, all ages, all levels. Bring your ax and play some Real Book tunes. Everybody who wants to plays. Free. blondiesfoodanddrink@gmail.com. blondiesfoodanddrink.com. (707) 822-3453.

Trinity Alps Chamber Music Festival. 2 p.m. Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. Lush classical and impressionist works that take advantage of the museum's superb acoustics, such as Maurice Ravel's Piano Trio. Suggested donation. humboldtarts.org.

EVENTS

Annie & Mary Day. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Blue Lake, Off State Route 299, Exit 5. Celebrate the 46th annual event. Parade at 11 a.m. with dancers, music, giant puppets, quirky floats, vintage cars and horses. Music by local bands, barbecue and other food, craft vendors, a car show, libations and activities for kids and adults alike in Perigot Park at noon. Free. sunnybluelake.com. (707) 668-5450.

Baduwa't Festival 2023. Dell'Arte, 131 H St., Blue Lake. See July 8 listing.

Fortuna Rodeo. Fortuna Rodeo Grounds, at Rohner Park. See July 8 listing.

Lost Coast Kennel Club's 21st Annual All-Breed Show. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. See July 7 listing.

Trinidad Artisans Market. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Trinidad, Downtown. Art, crafts, live music and barbecue. Next to Murphy's Market.

FOR KIDS

Family Movie Day at HBSC. 2-4 p.m. Humboldt Bay Social Club, 900 New Navy Base Road, Samoa. Bring the family out and get cozy and enjoy favorites rated G-PG. Drinks and snacks available at the Lobby Bar. Movie titles are on listed online. Free. humboldtbaysocialclub.com/our-events. (707) 502-8544.

FOOD

Brunch at Arcata Veterans Hall. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Arcata Veterans Hall, 1425 J St. Eggs, pancakes, sausage (vegan options included), bacon, hash browns and biscuits and gravy. Items are priced a la carte starting at \$3. Complimentary coffee. friendsoftheveteranshall@gmail.com. fb.me/e/1079syxlg.

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

OUTDOORS

Guided Birding Tour w/Ralph Bucher. 9-11 a.m. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Meet leader Ralph Bucher at the Visitor Center for this two-mile walk along a wide, flat trail that is packed gravel and easily accessible. Email to sign up. Free. thebook@reninet.com. rras.org.

SPORTS

All Bike Shootout. Samoa Drag Strip, Lincoln Avenue and New Navy Base Road. See July 7 listing.

Eureka Off-Road R/C Track Fundraiser. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. Huge indoor track for 1/10 and 1/18 scale racing. Try your crawlers on the 1/10 and 1/24 scale indoor course. Spin your wheels on the indoor drift track. Vote for your favorite model at the R/C Car Show. facebook.com/events/3348510625414197. (707) 441-4080.

Sun & Fun Singles - Summer Disc Golf League. 12-3:30 p.m. Beau Pre DiscGolfPark at the Beau Pre Golf Course, 1777 Norton Road, McKinleyville. Flex-start PDGA sanctioned disc golf league. Six-week series, play in any or all of the weeks. All PDGA divisions available. Membership not required to play. Call to book your tee time for each league

week. \$10 buy-in. beauprediscgolf@gmail.com. [instagram.com/beauprediscgolf/](https://www.instagram.com/beauprediscgolf/). (707) 839-2342.

KARAOKE

G.O.A.T. Karaoke at the Goat. 8:30 p.m. Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room Miniplex, 401 I St., Arcata. See July 6 listing.

Karaoke Sundays. 9 p.m. Bear River Casino Resort, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. Come sing your heart out in the Thirsty Bear Lounge every Sunday night. Ages 21 and up. Free. bearrivercasino.com/thirsty-bear-lounge/. (707) 733-9644.

10 Monday

ART

Outer Roominations. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The Bluff, 2550 Table Bluff Road, Loleta. See July 7 listing.

MUSIC

RLAD Jazz/Fusion. 5-8 p.m. Larrupin' Cafe, 1658 Patricks Point Drive, Trinidad. Popular jazz/fusion quartet blending the RLA trio with L.A. studio guitarist Doug Marcum. Tim Randles (keyboard), Doug Marcum (guitar), Ken Lawrence (bass), Mike Labolle (drums). Free. timrandlespiano@gmail.com. thelarrupin.com. (707) 677-0230.

EVENTS

Baduwa't Festival 2023. Dell'Arte, 131 H St., Blue Lake. See July 8 listing.

Fortuna Rodeo. Fortuna Rodeo Grounds, at Rohner Park. See July 8 listing.

FOR KIDS

Free Summer Food Program. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. See July 6 listing.

FOOD

Miranda Farmers Market. 2-6 p.m. Miranda Market, 6685 Avenue of the Giants. Fresh fruits and vegetables, plant starts, flowers and more. No pets are allowed, but trained, ADA certified, service animals are welcome. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/miranda.html. (707) 441-9999.

Volunteer Orientation Food for People. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See July 6 listing.

ETC

Homesharing Info Session. 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. This informational Zoom session will go over the steps and safeguards of Area 1 Agency on Aging's matching process and the different types of homeshare partnerships. Email for the link. Free. homeshare@alaa.org. alaa.org/homesharing. (707) 442-3763.

Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See July 7 listing.

OTHER

Humboldt Bounsklee League. 6-8 p.m. Humboldt Brews, 856 10th St., Arcata. Weekly league nights. Purchase of any wood bounsklee from Humbrews or the website includes one-month family membership for future events. All ages. Free. bounsklee@gmail.com. bounsklee.fun. (707) 601-9492.

S.I.N. Day. Noon-2 a.m. The Shanty, 213 Third St., Eureka. Service industry workers are appreciated with lunch with drink purchase while supplies last and drink deals. theshantysaloon@gmail.com. (707) 444-2053.

OPEN MIC

Clam Beach Open Mic. 8-midnight. Clam Beach Tavern, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Every Monday night.

KARAOKE

Karaoke at the Jam. 9 p.m. The Jam, 915 H St., Arcata. Hosted by Dustin Thompkins. Free. thejamarcata.com.

11 Tuesday

COMEDY

'No Strings Attached' Trivia. 6 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Enjoy trivia games hosted by local comedians and compete for prizes. Trivia is followed by a feature comedy show at 9 p.m. Free. info@savagehenry-comedy.com. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

MOVIES

Grown Up Movie Night at HBSC. 6-8 p.m. Humboldt Bay Social Club, 900 New Navy Base Road, Samoa. Drinks and snacks available while you watch classics and get cozy in the Lobby Bar. Movie titles are listed online. Free. humboldtbaysocialclub.com/our-events. (707) 502-8544.

MUSIC

Drastic Gnarllys, Silver and Nails, Spacey Y, Telltale Ballroom. 7 p.m. Blondies Food And Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata. Puzzled Pints on back patio from 6 to 9 p.m. Drastic Gnarllys, Silver and Nails, Spacey Y, Telltale Ballroom on the stage starting at 7 p.m. blondiesfoodanddrink.com.

Sing-along. 7-9 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Sing your favorite folk, rock and pop tunes of the 1960s and 1970s. Songbooks containing hundreds of songs are provided, so just bring your voice. Joel Sonenshein and his guitar lead the group. \$3. joel@asis.com. (707) 407-6496.

Tuesday Night Jazz. 7-10 p.m. The SpeakEasy, 411 Opera Alley, Eureka. Live local jazz with the Opera Alley Cats. Free. elvisatemydonuts@hotmail.com. (707) 444-2244.

Turntable Tuesdays. Every other Tuesday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Redwood Curtain Brewing Co. Myrtle Ave. Tasting Room, 1595 B Myrtle Ave., Eureka. Join other vinyl lovers to share your treasures and play them in house. Free.

SPOKEN WORD

Word Humboldt Spoken Word Open Mic. 6-9 p.m. Northtown Coffee, 1603 G St., Arcata. Sign up list goes up at 6 p.m., and the open mic kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Two rounds of open mic poetry and a featured poet. Everyone is welcome, especially new performers. LGBTQ+ friendly. Free. [instagram.com/wordhum](https://www.instagram.com/wordhum).

EVENTS

Baduwa't Festival 2023. Dell'Arte, 131 H St., Blue Lake. See July 8 listing.

Fortuna Rodeo. Fortuna Rodeo Grounds, at Rohner Park. See July 8 listing.

Tacos and Art Night at the Sanctuary. 6-9 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Potluck tacos from 6 to 7:30 p.m. We'll make fresh tortillas, you bring a taco topping (or donation), share a meal and everybody cleans up. Art from 7 p.m. Bring a project or join one, supplies provided. \$5-\$10. together@sanctuaryarcata.org. sanctuaryarcata.org.

FOR KIDS

Free Summer Food Program. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. See July 6 listing.

FOOD

Fortuna Farmers Market. 3-6 p.m. 10th and Main streets, 10th and Main streets, Fortuna. Fresh produce, meat, fish, cheese, eggs, bread, flowers and more. Music and hot food vendors. No pets, but trained, ADA-certified, service animals are welcome. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/fortuna.html. (707) 441-9999.

Free Produce Market. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Garberville Presbyterian Church, 437 Maple Lane. Food for People hosts this seasonal free produce market to ensure that everyone

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Old Town Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Old Town Gazebo, Second and F streets, Eureka. Fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, jam, crafts and more. Live music. Trained, ADA-certified service animals only. CalFresh EBT customers are able to receive a market match at every farmers market. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/oldtown.html. (707) 441-9999.

Shelter Cove Farmers Market. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Mario's Marina Bar, 533 Machi Road, Shelter Cove. Fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, flowers and more. No pets are allowed, but trained, ADA certified, service animals are welcome. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/sheltercove.html. (707) 441-9999.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. \$3-\$8. 31for14@gmail.com. (707) 599-4605.

ETC

Disability Peer Advocate Group. Second Tuesday of every month, 3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Peer advocates supporting each other and furthering the disability cause. Email for the Zoom link. alissa@tilinet.org.

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Restorative Movement. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See July 6 listing.

DJS

Latin Dance Tuesdays w/DJ Pachanguero. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room Miniplex, 401 I St., Arcata. Salsa, cumbia, tropical bass, pop and more. Tacos from 5 to 10 p.m. Ages 21 and up. Two-drink minimum purchase. info@miniplexevents.com. fb.me/e/2lgBtuaZc. (707) 630-5000.

KARAOKE

Karaoke. 8 p.m. Firewater Lounge, Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad. Pick a song and sing.

12 Wednesday

ART

Figure Drawing. 6-8:30 p.m. Blondies Food And Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata. \$5. blondiesfoodanddrink.com.

Mosaic Jewelry Workshop. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Six Rivers Brewery, Tasting Room & Restaurant, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Make an earring and pendant set at this beginner's event hosted by Nature's Mosaic. All ages. Email to reserve your spot. \$40, includes \$5 drink voucher and all supplies required. naturesmosaic@gmail.com. sixriversbrewery.com. (707) 382-2427.

BOOKS

On the Same Page Book Club. 5:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Online book club that meets on the first Wednesday of the month on Zoom. Sign up using the Google form at forms.gle/bAsjdQ7hKGqEgKj7.

COMEDY

Open Mikey. 9-11 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. The longest running comedy open-mic in the county. Sign up at 9 p.m. for a five-minute set. Show at 9:30 p.m. Snacks, drinks, zero hate speech tolerated. All-ages w/caution for language. Free, donations accepted. info@savagehenrycomedy.com. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

Washington Square Wednesdays. 6-9 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. Bring your own board and play chess. Snacks, drinks, friendly atmosphere for all-ages. ID to drink. Free, donations accepted. savagehenrycomedy.com. (707) 845-8864.

Wicked Wednesday Comedy. 8 p.m. The Siren's Song Tavern, 325 Second St., Eureka. Peter Nelson hosts a stand-up open mic with different comedians. Free. sirensongtavern.com.

DANCE

Bootz N Beers. 7-9 p.m. Thirsty Bear Lounge, Bear River Casino Resort, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. Country music and line dancing lessons. Free. bearrivercasino.com.

Line Dancing in the Grand Theater Ballroom. Second Wednesday of every month, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Historic Eagle House, 139 Second St., Eureka. Instructor led. All skill levels welcome. Dressing to impress (cowboy/girl

hats, boots and belt buckles) encouraged. Ages 21 and up. \$10. trex@historiceaglehouse.com. fb.me/e/2DvF7KE9o. (707) 407-0634.

Plexusplay. 7 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. The musician and motion graphics artist combines jazz harmonies with Brazilian grooves in interactive shows with 3D animation, live vibraphone, a reactive LED suit and audience dances. \$15, \$10 students. info@arcataplayhouse.org. playhousearts.org/events/plexusplay-live/. (707) 822-1575.

EVENTS

Baduwa't Festival 2023. Dell'Arte, 131 H St., Blue Lake. See July 8 listing.

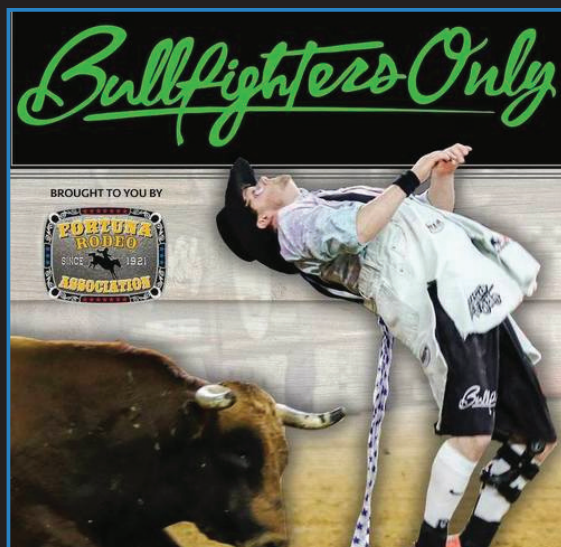
Fortuna Rodeo. Fortuna Rodeo Grounds, at Rohner Park. See July 8 listing.

Spectrum of Dissent: Humboldt Counterculture History: It's More Than Homesteads and Tie-dye. 6:30-11 p.m. Wrangletown Cider Co., 955 I St., Arcata. Humboldt Area Peoples Archive (HAPA) hosts this evening of discussion and entertainment. Free, food and drinks available. wrangletowncidercompany.com.

FOR KIDS

Capoeira Stories, Songs and Movement. 5-6 p.m. Blue Lake Library, 111 Greenwood Ave. Make an instrument and learn songs and stories of capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian martial art combining self-defense, dance, music and acrobatics at this all-ages Family Literacy Party hosted by Humboldt Literacy Project and Humboldt County Library. humlib.org. Free. literacyhelpers@gmail.com. facebook.com/HumboldtLiteracyProject. (707) 269-1910.

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Family Movie Night. 5-7 p.m. Scotia Lodge, 100 Main St. Bring the family and enjoy classics in the lounge area. Food and drinks available at Main & Mill. Movies are G-PG and the titles are listed online under events. Free. scotia-lodge.com/hosted-events. (707) 298-7139.

Free Summer Food Program. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. See July 6 listing.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See July 7 listing.

ETC

Pints for Non-Profits: Northcoast Regional Land Trust. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Redwood Curtain Brewery & Tasting Room, 550 South G St., #4, Arcata. Come support a local nonprofit organization by drinking some beer. \$1 per beer sold will be donated to the organization scheduled. Free. redwoodcurtainbrewing.com.

Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See July 7 listing.

DJS

Weds Night Ting. The Jam, 915 H St., Arcata. Reggae, dancehall, Afrobeats, basshall. Resident DJs Pressure and D'Vinity. Surprise guest DJs and bands. TBD. thejamarcata.com.

OTHER

Reel Genius Trivia Wednesdays. 6-8 p.m. The Madrone Taphouse, 421 Third St., Eureka. General trivia; fun for everyone. Free to play, win prizes. Max seven players per team. partners@reelgeniustrivia.com. fb.me/e/2ewB-nU70H. (707) 601-1606.

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13 Thursday

ART

Field Guide to a Crisis: Strategies for Survival from People in Recovery. 12-5 p.m. Brenda Tuxford Gallery, 422 First St., Eureka. See July 6 listing.

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See July 6 listing.

COMEDY

Drink & Draw. 6 p.m. Savage Henry Comedy Club, 415 Fifth St., Eureka. See July 6 listing.

MUSIC

Fieldbrook Winery Thursday Evening Concert Series. 5:30-8 p.m. Fieldbrook Winery, 4241 Fieldbrook Road. See July 6 listing.

Hip Hop Thursdays. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. The Jam, 915 H St., Arcata. See July 6 listing.

Live Music at RCB. 6-9 p.m. Redwood Curtain Brewing Co. Myrtle Ave. Tasting Room, 1595 B Myrtle Ave., Eureka. See July 6 listing.

McKinleyville Community Choir Rehearsal. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Arcata Presbyterian Church, 670 11th St. See July 6 listing.

Music in the Park. 6-8 p.m. Pierson Park, 1608 Pickett Road, McKinleyville. See July 6 listing.

Summer Concert Series. 6-8 p.m. Madaket Plaza, Foot of C Street, Eureka. See July 6 listing.

EVENTS

Baduwa't Festival 2023. Dell'Arte, 131 H St., Blue Lake. See July 8 listing.

Fortuna Rodeo. Fortuna Rodeo Grounds, at Rohner Park. See July 8 listing.

FOR KIDS

Free Summer Food Program. Jefferson Community Center, 1000 B St., Eureka. See July 6 listing.

FOOD

Henderson Center Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Henderson Center, Henderson near F Street, Eureka. See July 6 listing.

McKinleyville Farmers Market. 3-6 p.m. Eureka Natural Foods, McKinleyville, 2165 Central Ave. Fresh fruits and vegetables, hot cocoa and more. Music and hot food vendors. No pets are allowed, but trained, ADA certified, service animals are welcome. Free. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/mckinleyville.html. (707) 441-9999.

Volunteer Orientation Food for People. 3-4 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See July 6 listing.

Willow Creek Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m. Veteran's Park, 100 Kimtu Road, Willow Creek. See July 6 listing.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 2-5 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. See July 6 listing.

ETC

Restorative Movement. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See July 6 listing.

DJS

DJ Statik and Friends. 9 p.m. Thirsty Bear Lounge, Bear River Casino Resort, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta. See July 6 listing.

OPEN MIC

Blondies Open Mic. 6 p.m. Blondies Food And Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata. See July 6 listing.

Siren's Song Open Mic. 7 p.m. The Siren's Song Tavern, 325 Second St., Eureka. See July 6 listing.

KARAOKE

G.O.A.T. Karaoke at the Goat. 8:30 p.m. Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room Miniplex, 401 I St., Arcata. See July 6 listing.

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Maintaining a Legacy

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny
and *Asteroid City*

By John J. Bennett

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INDIANA JONES AND THE DIAL OF DESTINY. Time may eventually allow us to more properly contextualize the great Dr. Jones. Younger generations may have already done it, distanced as they presumably are from the visceral, world-making experience of meeting Harrison Ford's irascible, iron-tough, impossibly cool archeologist at an age when that introduction was as formative, as fundamental as any other. I suppose I can't speak for everyone.

My own reverence notwithstanding, *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981) is an enduring cultural touchstone that transcends moviemaking. Spielberg, Lucas, et al. got the ball rolling (see what I did there?) on a redefinition of cinematic adventure, sure, but they also forged a new archetype, simultaneously introducing notions of intellectual curiosity and agnosticism as healthy counterbalance to belief, as elements of this new, admittedly flawed hero. They also terrified and titillated generations of us with blow darts and pits of snakes and melting Nazis, searing images into our developing psyches that would influence so many of our subsequent experiences not only of art and culture, but of the world at large.

What we could not have known, at the time, was that the creators of this mind-altering continuity were messing around, trying to hot-rod the adventure serials of their youth, bringing to bear all the new technology and recently legitimized academic study of their medium to create an even-more legitimate sense of childlike wonder at their created spectacle. Seems doubtful they could have known we would take up their Indy as our Christ.

Which is why I tend to believe our collective discomfort and disbelief at the rambling silliness of *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* (2008) is trauma of our own making: People thought *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* (1984) was too great a departure, too, and it was only the second installment. (I see it as one of the great monuments of '80s Hollywood; I've seen it more times than any of the others). Point being, we have collectively freighted this franchise with so much of our own myth expansion and expectation that we didn't see *Crystal Skull* honestly, or at least with equanimity. I hadn't arrived at this conclu-

sion before I watched *The Dial of Destiny*, and it may be the credit to its self-knowledge that it made me reassess the whole franchise and my relationship with it.

Summer, 1945: A digitally de-aged Indy (the technology still isn't quite there, but we can let it slide) and Basil Shaw (Toby Jones) are captured by Nazis fleeing the inevitable on a train full of priceless stolen antiquities. By pure happenstance, they come across the titular dial, a device purportedly built by Archimedes himself to locate fissures in time and, thereby, passage to different eras.

A quarter century later, Basil is dead, having been driven mad in his study of the dial. Dr. Jones, drinking rather heavily and petitioned for divorce, is retiring from his teaching position in New York City. Against the backdrop of a ticker-tape parade for the returning Apollo 11 astronauts, our hero's spirits have never seemed lower. Enter the gamboling, capricious Helena (Phoebe Waller-Bridge), daughter of Basil, seeking the dial, pursued by agents of varying legitimacy. And we're off.

Guided by the sure hand of director James Mangold (*Ford v Ferrari*, 2019; *Logan*, 2017), *The Dial of Destiny* successfully synthesizes all the preexisting Indiana Jones stories, combining just enough of the airiness and whimsy of *Crystal Skull* with the grit and threat of the previous installments to create a captivating, involving adventure in constant motion. Ford seems entirely at ease resettling into this role, especially when he's grouching about ailments and injuries incurred in decades past, (many of them while we were watching). Some of our favorites from journeys past return here, and Waller-Bridge is an ideal scene partner and foil, charging Helena with just enough avarice to make us wonder whether she actually can do what we, as the faithful, need her to do. PG13. 142M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

ASTEROID CITY. At this late stage, it's almost silly to purport to review a Wes Anderson movie. It's been almost three decades since *Bottle Rocket* (1996) and no one could call him inconsistent. By now, unless one is completely uninitiated, one knows how one feels about the canon.

That said, a new Anderson is still an occasion: Regardless of one's little quibbles about aesthetic neurosis or perpetual



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narrative adolescence or perhaps detrimental visual control (read: my quibbles), he is one of a generation's most distinct, fully-formed artistic voices. If he started, a decade or so ago, trying to aw-shucks out-intellectualize himself, so be it; we need more art made by real artists.

As is always the case, the most recent Anderson is the Andersoniest, constructed as an Atomic Age play within a play within a play that is, at bottom, a study in grief and exploration. Some of the thematic bullet points will feel familiar but maybe that's all for the better.

Reuniting the writer/director with his formidable creative team, including many returning members of his repertory company and some new faces, *Asteroid City* presents America in 1955 as a fever-dream vision of the Southwest, as channeled through the imaginations of a fragile writer and a New York teleplay studio, all narrated by an almost omnipresent Bryan Cranston, channeling Rod Serling.

If that sounds like a lot, it is. But Anderson has a way of rendering even his headiest ideas with a sort of humble humanity that, when combined with his undeniably charming execution of vision, can't help but win one over. PG13. 105M. BROADWAY, MINOR. ●

John J. Bennett (he/him) is a movie nerd who loves a good car chase.

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THE BOOGEYMAN. A monster in the closet that isn't a member of the GOP for once. PG13. 98M. BROADWAY.

ELEMENTAL. Animated adventure about a city of fire, water, earth and air elements. Voiced by Leah Lewis, Mamoudou Athie and Catherine O'Hara. PG. 93M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

THE FLASH. A whole multiverse and we're stuck in the one where Ezra Miller still has a job. PG13. 144M. BROADWAY.

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 3. Marvel's misfit space squad returns. With Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana and Dave Bautista. PG13. 149M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (2005). Part of a Wednesday and Thursday morning \$2 family series. PG13 157M. BROADWAY.

HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN (2004). Part of a Wednesday and Thursday morning \$2 family series. PG 139M. BROADWAY.

LEGO MOVIE (2014). Part of a Wednesday and Thursday morning \$2 family series. PG. 100M. BROADWAY.

THE LITTLE MERMAID. Live-action Disney remake of the fairy tale with Halle Bailey in fins and Melissa McCarthy in tentacles. PG. 135M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: DEAD RECKONING PART 1. Tom Cruise is back in his lifts and cables for more spy adventure with Rebecca Ferguson, Simon Pegg and Vanessa Kirby. PG13. 163M. BROADWAY.

NO HARD FEELINGS. Jennifer Lawrence and Andrew Barth Feldman star in a bawdy rom-com about a rudderless woman hired to deflower a couple's introvert son before he graduates. R. 103M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

PAST LIVES. Korean childhood friends reunite in New York City years later in this romance. PG13. 106M. MINOR.

RUBY GILLMAN, TEENAGE KRAKEN. Animated adventure in which krakens are misunderstood and mermaids are the worst. PG. 90M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

SPIDER-MAN: ACROSS THE SPIDER-VERSE. Animated sequel to the Miles Morales adventure. PG. 140M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

TRANSFORMERS: RISE OF THE BEASTS. The robot cars team up with robot animals. Starring Michelle Yeoh, Pete Davidson and, hell, everybody, I guess. PG13. 127M BROADWAY.

TROLLS (2016). Part of a Wednesday and Thursday morning \$2 family series. PG. 93M. BROADWAY.

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Drones in Rwanda

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“You now see much bigger and wealthier countries like the U.S. using Rwanda as a role model.” A surprising statement given that Rwanda, a landlocked country in the heart of Africa with a land area twice that of Humboldt County, was the scene of a brutal massacre 29 years ago: 1 million dead in 100 days. Since then, improbably, it’s become a model for developing countries, dramatically improving living conditions for its 12 million people. For instance, in what UNICEF called “one of the most significant achievements in human history,” it cut its child mortality rate by half between 2000 and 2015.

In 2016, the U.S. drone company Zipline signed a deal with the Rwandan government to start a medical drone-delivery service from two distribution/launch sites, east and west. Between them, these sites can service the entire country, delivering whole blood, platelets and frozen plasma within about half an hour of an order being called in from a rural hospital or clinic. The company also operates medical delivery services in Ghana, Japan, Kenya and North Carolina. Their drones have made over 600,000 commercial deliveries, with 1 million on target by the end of this year.

Drone technology has come a long way recently. My little half-pound DJI Mini2, which can stay aloft for over 30 minutes filming in 4K/30 fps video, would have been unthinkable a few years ago. A Zipline drone (which made *Time*’s “Best inventions of 2018” list) is an order of magnitude more capable: 11-foot wingspan, 44-pound weight with a 4-pound payload and 190-mile range. It’s launched on a steel rail by a capacitor-powered catapult that accelerates it to its 65-mph cruising speed in 0.33 seconds. At the delivery site, the payload is dropped on a paper parachute. Recently, tech reporter Mark Rober posted a video about his visit to one of Rwanda’s Zipline distribution sites (youtube.com/watch?v=DOWDNBu9DKU&t=79s).

Two statistics from Rober’s video stood out for me: It takes just 45 seconds between receiving an order and speeding it on its way from a delivery center, and drones have reduced in-hospital maternal deaths in Rwanda by 88 percent.

Drones are set to change how we do things in the U.S., too. For instance, each year, some 4 billion doorstep deliveries are made in this country by gas-guzzling vehicles — not including Amazon. Imagine the difference that autonomous short-range electric drones could make. To this end, Zipline is currently working on their Platform 2 system that has a drone hovering at 330 feet while setting down its payload on a wire, silently and precisely, within 6 feet. (Isn’t there something sweetly ironic about a medical delivery system that was perfected in Rwanda being used as the model for delivering hot pizzas in the U.S.?)

A couple more thoughts about Rwanda, which I visited four years ago when I led a two-week workshop for the country’s umbrella microfinancing organization. Following the civil war in 1994, an authoritarian government has ruled Rwanda; Paul Kagame, whose photo is on every office wall, has been in control since 2000. Under his watch, the divisive ethnic terms “Hutu” and “Tutsi” are now taboo. (“We’re all Rwandans now,” I was told.) The fruits of this decidedly non-democratic approach to government have played out economically and socially. For instance, compared to the US, the Rwandan economy is growing four times faster, and the rate of violent crime is 15 times less.

Meanwhile, Rwanda’s medical drones are flying up to 1,000 missions daily, and Zipline’s drones are about to change how we shop and ship here in the U.S. ●

Barry Evans (he/him, barryevans9@yahoo.com) is totally chuffed that his latest book, *Humbook Two (in color!)* is now in local bookstores.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Genius physicist Albert Einstein said, "The formulation of a problem is often more essential than its solution, which may be merely a matter of mathematical or experimental skill. To raise new questions, new possibilities, to regard old questions from new angles, requires creative imagination and makes real advances." What he said here applies to our personal dilemmas, too. When we figure out the right questions to ask, we are more than halfway toward a clear resolution. This is always true, of course, but it will be an especially crucial principle for you in the coming weeks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): "Every great advance in natural knowledge has involved the absolute rejection of authority." So said Taurus biologist and anthropologist Thomas Huxley (1825-1895). I don't think you will have to be quite so forceful as that in the coming weeks. But I hope you're willing to further your education by rebelling against what you already know. And I hope you will be boisterously skeptical about conventional wisdom and trendy ideas. Have fun cultivating a feisty approach to learning! The more time you spend exploring beyond the borders of your familiar world, the better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Hooray and hallelujah! You've been experimenting with the perks of being pragmatic and well-grounded. You have been extra intent on translating your ideals into effective actions. I'm not sure I've ever seen you so dedicated to enjoying the simple pleasures. I love that you're investigating the wonders of being as down-to-earth as you dare. Congratulations! Keep doing this honorable work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): I wrote my horoscope column for over ten years before it began to get widely syndicated. What changed? I became a better writer and oracle, for one thing. My tenacity was inexhaustible. I was always striving to improve my craft, even when the rewards were meager. Another important factor in my eventual success was my persistence in marketing. I did a lot of hard work to ensure the right publications knew about me. I suspect, fellow Cancerian, that 2024 is likely to bring you a comparable breakthrough in a labor of love you have been cultivating for a long time. And the coming months of 2023 will be key in setting the stage for that breakthrough.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Maybe you wished you cared more deeply about a certain situation. Your lack of empathy and passion may feel like a hole in your soul. If so, I have good news. The coming weeks will be a favorable time to find the missing power; to tap into the warm, wet feelings that could motivate your quest for greater connection. Here's a good way to begin the process: Forget everything you think you know about the situation with which you want more engagement. Arrive at an empty, still point that enables you to observe the situation as if you were seeing it for the first time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are in an astrological phase when you'll be wise to wrangle with puzzles and enigmas. Whether or not you come up with crisp solutions isn't as crucial as your earnest efforts to limber up your mind. For best results, don't worry and sweat about it; have fun! Now I'll provide a sample riddle to get you in the mood. It's adapted from a text by David Wallechinsky and Irving Wallace. You are standing before two identical closed doors, one leading to grime and confusion, the other to revelation and joy. Before the doors stand two figures: an angel who always tells the truth and a demon who always lies. But they look alike, and you may ask only one question to help you choose what door to take. What do you do? (Possible answer: Ask either character what the other would say if you asked which door to take, then open the opposite door.)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): I found a study that concluded just 6.1 percent of online horoscopes provide legitimate predictions

about the future. Furthermore, the research indicated, 62.3 percent of them consist of bland, generic pabulum of no value to the recipient. I disagree with these assessments. Chani Nicholas, Michael Lutin, Susan Miller, and Jessica Shepherd are a few of many regular horoscope writers whose work I find interesting. My own astrological oracles are useful, too. And by the way, how can anyone have the hubris to decide which horoscopes are helpful and which are not? This thing we do is a highly subjective art, not an objective science. In the spirit of my comments here, Libra, and in accordance with astrological omens, I urge you to declare your independence from so-called experts and authorities who tell you they know what's valid and worthwhile for you. Here's your motto: "I'm the authoritative boss of my own truth."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Is it a fact that our bodies are made of stardust? Absolutely true, says planetary scientist Dr. Ashley King. Nearly all the elements comprising our flesh, nerves, bones, and blood were originally forged in at least one star, maybe more. Some of the stuff we are made of lived a very long time in a star that eventually exploded: a supernova. Here's another amazing revelation about you: You are composed of atoms that have existed for almost 14 billion years. I bring these startling realities to your attention, Scorpio, in honor of the most expansive phase of your astrological cycle. You have a mandate to deepen and broaden and enlarge your understanding of who you are and where you came from.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): I foresee that August will be a time of experiments and explorations. Life will be in a generous mood toward you, tempting and teasing you with opportunities from beyond your circle of expectations. But let's not get carried away until it makes cosmic sense to get carried away. I don't want to urge you to embrace wild hope prematurely. Between now and the end of July, I advise you to enjoy sensible gambles and measured adventures. It's OK to go deep and be rigorous, but save the full intensity for later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-July 69): Is there a crucial half-conscious question lurking in the underside of your mind? A smoldering doubt or muffled perplexity that's important for you to address? I suspect there is. Now it's time to coax it up to the surface of your awareness so you may deal with it forthrightly. You must not let it smolder there in its hiding place. Here's the good news, Capricorn: If you bring the dilemma or confusion or worry into the full light of your consciousness, it will ultimately lead you to unexpected treasure. Be brave!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): In Larry McMurtry's novel *Duane's Depressed*, the life of the main character has come to a standstill. He no longer enjoys his job. The fates of his kids are too complicated for him to know how to respond. He has a lot of feelings but has little skill in expressing them. At a loss about how to change his circumstances, he takes a small and basic step: He stops driving his pickup truck and instead walks everywhere he needs to go. Your current stasis is nowhere near as dire as Duane's, Aquarius. But I do recommend you consider his approach to initiating transformation: Start small and basic.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Author K. V. Patel writes, "As children, we laugh fully with the whole body. We laugh with everything we have." In the coming weeks, Pisces, I would love for you to regularly indulge in just that: total delight and release. Furthermore, I predict you will be more able than usual to summon uproarious life-affirming amusement from the depths of your enchanted soul. Further furthermore, I believe you will have more reasons than ever before to throw your head back and unleash your entire self in rippling bursts of healing hysterical hilarity. To get started, practice chuckling, giggling, and chortling for one minute right now. ●

Homework: What's the smartest, safest gamble you could take? Newsletter: FreeWillAstrology.com

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
RONALD DEE RALSTON
CASE NO. PR2300181

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RONALD DEE RALSTON A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner DAWN WALLER The petition for probate requests that DAWN WALLER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 27, 2023 at 1:31 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: #4 Room: #4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the

filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for petitioner: Jocelyn M Godinho, Esq. Law Office of Hjerpe & Godinho, LLP 350 E Street, First Floor Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 442-7262 Filed: June 29, 2023 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

7/6, 7/13, 7/20 (23-257)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
JAMES B. WILSON
CASE NO. PR2300144

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JAMES B. WILSON, JAMES BERNARD WILSON A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Petitioner EDWARD L. WILSON

The petition for probate requests that EDWARD L. WILSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 27, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, in Dept.: Room:

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IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the Cali-

fornia Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for petitioner: Michael G. Abrate 655 University Avenue, Suite 230 Sacramento, CA 95825 916-550-2688 Filed: May 31, 2023 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

6/22, 6/29, 7/6 (23-241)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF
LIENED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the property described below to enforce a lien on the said property pursuant to sections 21700-21716 of the business and professions code, section 2328 of the UCC section 535 of the Penal Code and provision of the Civil Code. The undersigned will sell by competitive bid at bid13.com ending Friday July 14th, 2023, at 12:00 pm. Online bidding only.

Where said property has been stored and which is located at, 1400 Glendale Drive, McKinleyville, CA 95519 the following:
- #189 Nakia Cook
- #122 Shaun Dennison
- #312 Curtis Daniels
- #112 Ermilo Barrios
- #331 Nicolette Filteau
Items to be auctioned which include but are not limited to are bins, household items, tools etc. Purchases must be paid at the time of sale. Cash only. All purchases sold as-is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between the owner and the obligated party. ONLINE AUCTION ONLY Auction: bid13.com Phone 888-992-4313

6/29, 7/6 (23-248)

PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the civil Code.

The undersigned will sell at auction by competitive bidding on the 19th of July, 2023, at 9:00 AM, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Rainbow Self Storage.

The following spaces are located at 4055 Broadway Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt.

Troy Gallaway, Space # 5235
Melysha Stewart, Space # 5529

The following spaces are located at 639 W. Clark Street Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Kevin Rogers, Space # 3016
Dixie Rogers, Space # 3114
Ramalette Lagutan, Space # 3309
(Held in Co. Unit)

The following spaces are located at 3618 Jacobs Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Michelle Randall, Space # 1186
Raymond Vogel, Space # 1192
Sebastian Flores, Space # 1212 (Held in Co. Unit)
Samira Mendoza, Space # 1374
James Ely, Space # 1395
Jessica McGruder, Space # 1502
Victoria Hanson, Space # 1608
Kevin Grundman, Space # 1650
Billie Jean Bowker, Space # 1676
Vernita Coleman, Space # 1736
Timothy Bankston, Space # 1808
Adam Bell, Space # 1809

The following spaces are located at 105 Indianola Avenue Eureka, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Todd Hoffman, Space # 189
Joseph Salas, Space # 202
Joel Molina, Space # 258
Sara Patterson, Space # 343
Edward Hamline, Space # 426
(Motorcycle Held at Indy)
Joshua Macri-Bott, Space # 464
Marissa Morales, Space # 550
Linda Collins, Space # 553
Tyrone Burns, Space # 593
Nicole Schneider, Space # 794
David Dearingier, Space # 797

The following spaces are located at 1641 Holly Drive McKinleyville, CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Daryl Runyan, Space # 2221 (Held in Co. Unit)
Michelle Schuler, Space # 5132
Wendy Hillegeist, Space # 9131

The following spaces are located at 2394 Central Avenue McKinleyville CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Jillaine Huggard, Space # 9269
Alexis Baeza, Space # 9510
Teresa Cengia, Space # 9533
Jessica Reeder, Space # 9534

The following spaces are located at 180 F Street Arcata CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Jessica Couch-Sand, Space # 6018
Jack DeCorso, Space # 6119
Zackery Baker, Space # 6146
Divine Caulde, Space # 6212

The following spaces are located at 940 G Street Arcata CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Lila Perry, Space # 6323
Jennie Seipp, Space # 6478

Items to be sold include, but are not limited to:
Household furniture, office equipment, household appliances, exercise equipment, TVs, VCR, microwave, bikes, books, misc. tools,

misc. camping equipment, misc. stereo equip. misc. yard tools, misc. sports equipment, misc. kids toys, misc. fishing gear, misc. computer components, and misc. boxes and bags contents unknown.

Suzuki RMX 250 R Motorcycle, Vin: JS1PJ11A7K2101742, Engine #: J111-101873

Anyone interested in attending Rainbow Self Storage auctions must pre-qualify. For details call 707-443-1451. Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. All pre-qualified Bidders must sign in at 4055 Broadway Eureka CA. prior to 9:00 A.M. on the day of the auction, no exceptions. All purchased items are sold as is, where is and must be removed at time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation for any reason whatsoever. Auctioneer: Kim Santsche, Employee for Rainbow Self-Storage, 707-443-1451, Bond # 40083246.

7/6, 7/13 (23-252)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDING ORDINANCE 335-2015, CHAPTER 13.10, SECTION 241
AND ADDING CHAPTER 13.10, SECTIONS 242-246
PROPERTY TAX LIENS FOR NONPAYMENT OF DELINQUENT
SEWER BILLS FOR CUSTOMERS THAT DO NOT SUBSCRIBE
TO WATER SERVICE AND A MEANS OF COLLECTING
THE DELINQUENT CHARGES ON THE PROPERTY TAX BILL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
675 WILDWOOD AVENUE
TUESDAY JULY 18, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rio Dell City Council will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Council Chamber at City Hall to amend Ordinance 335-2015, Chapter 13.10, Section 241 and adding Chapter 13.10, Sections 242-246 property tax liens for nonpayment of delinquent sewer bills for customers that do not subscribe to water service and a means of collecting the delinquent charges on the property tax bill.

The City of Rio Dell has reopened in-person City Council and Planning Commission meetings held in City Hall Council Chambers. The public may also attend these meetings virtually through Zoom. To participate through **Zoom**, call the toll-free number at **1-888-475-4499**, enter meeting ID **987 154-0944**.

Public Comment by Email: In balancing the health risks associated with COVID-19 and the need to conduct government in an open and transparent manner, public comment on agenda items can be submitted via email at publiccomment@cityofriodell.ca.gov. Please note the agenda item the comment is directed to (example: Public Comments for items not on the agenda) and email no later than one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Your comments will be read out loud, for up to three minutes.

Zoom Public Comment: When the Chair announces the agenda item that you wish to comment on, call the toll-free number **1-888-475-4499**, enter meeting ID **987 154 0944** and press star (*) 9 on your phone – this will raise your hand. You will continue to hear the meeting on the call. When it is time for public comment on the item you wish to speak on, the Clerk will unmute your phone. You will hear a prompt that will indicate your phone is unmuted. Please state your name and begin your comment. You will have 3 minutes to comment.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the **City at 675 Wildwood Avenue, Rio Dell, CA. 95562, or you may contact the Rio Dell Utility Billing Department at (707) 764-3532**. In addition, information is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday.

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (707) 764-3532. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting.



FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00336

The following person is doing Business as
HILLS OF HUMBOLDT CREATIONS

Humboldt
2724 School St
Fortuna, CA 95540

Delaney J Sterling
2724 School St
Fortuna, CA 95540

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on March 21, 2023
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Delaney Sterling, Owner
This May 17, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by tn, Humboldt County Clerk

6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13 (23-242)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00340

The following person is doing Business as
FIRE BORN

Humboldt
358 Wells Dr
Eureka, CA 95503

Robert Backman
358 Wells Dr
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on January 1, 2023
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Robert Backman, Owner
This May 18, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by tn, Humboldt County Clerk

6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6 (23-235)

**CITY OF FORTUNA
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **June 20, 2023**; the City Council of the City of Fortuna adopted the following ordinance:
ORDINANCE 2023-761
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORTUNA CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8 – HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE FORTUNA MUNICIPAL CODE BY REVISING CHAPTER 8.14 – ORGANIC REDUCTION AND RECYCLING ORDINANCE
SECOND READING PERFORMED AND ADOPTED on the 20th day of June 2023 by the following vote:
AYES: Council Member Losey, Mobley, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Council Member Conley, Mayor Trent
ABSTAIN: None
Copies of the full Ordinance are available for public inspection and review in the office of the City Clerk at 621 - 11th Street, Fortuna, California.
This notice is given in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code of the State of California. This section allows a summary of the Ordinance to be printed.
Buffy Gray,
Deputy City Clerk

Posted: 7/6/2023

**CITY OF FORTUNA
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **May 1, 2023**; the City Council of the City of Fortuna adopted the following ordinance:
ORDINANCE 2023-759
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORTUNA ADDING CHAPTER 15.49 TO TITLE 15 OF THE FORTUNA MUNICIPAL CODE-MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE
SECOND READING PERFORMED AND ADOPTED on the 1st day of May 2023 by the following vote:
AYES: Council Member Conley, Losey, Mobley, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, Mayor Trent
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
Copies of the full Ordinance are available for public inspection and review in the office of the City Clerk at 621 - 11th Street, Fortuna, California.
This notice is given in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code of the State of California. This section allows a summary of the Ordinance to be printed.
Buffy Gray,
Deputy City Clerk

Posted: 7/6/2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00364

The following person is doing Business as
PACO’S TACOS TAQUERIA

Humboldt
1134 5th St
Eureka, CA 95501

Alfa Torres Leon
2042 Cochran Rd
McKinleyville, CA 95519

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Alfa Torres Leon, Owner
This June 2, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13 (23-240)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00366

The following person is doing Business as
PETE RANCH ENTERPRISES/ PETERANCH.COM

Humboldt
328 Camp Creek Rd
Orleans, CA 95556

PO Box 55
Orleans, CA 95556

Grant H Peterson
328 Camp Creek Rd
Orleans, CA 95556

Genora G Peterson
328 Camp Creek Rd
Orleans, CA 95556

The business is conducted by a Married Couple.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on June 5, 2023
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS.

Project: The Blue Lake Rancheria (BLR) tribe is requesting competitive sealed bid proposals from licensed contractors for the construction of Phase 1 of the Toma Resilience Campus, a project funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA; project # 07-79-07480).
Phase 1 includes a 6,100 ft2, single-story, design-build, pre-engineered metal building and related components.
The **bid deadline is August 25, 2023.**
Contact dnarum@bluelakerancheria-nsn.gov for more information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard regarding an increase to monthly water and sewer rates. The Board of Directors of the Humboldt Community Services District (HCSD) will hold the public hearing in the HCSD Board Room at 5055 Walnut Drive, Eureka, California in order to consider adopting revised monthly water and sewer service charges. In addition, a public workshop will be held at the regular meeting of June 13, 2023 at the same time and location referenced above. If approved, said rates shall become effective August 1, 2023. Information concerning this rate increase is available for public review at the HCSD Offices between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or online at www.humboldtcsd.org.
Brenda K. Franklin, Board Secretary
Humboldt Community Services District

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Board of Directors of the Humboldt Community Services District (HCSD) will hold a public hearing in the HCSD Board Room at 5055 Walnut Drive, Eureka, California. The public hearing is held to consider an increase in capacity charges for new connections into the existing system. If approved, said charges shall become effective sixty (60) days thereafter. Information concerning the water and sewer capacity charge increase is available for public review at the HCSD Offices between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or online at www.humboldtcsd.org.
Brenda K. Franklin, Board Secretary
Humboldt Community Services District

misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Grant H Peterson, Owner
This June 5, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6 (23-232)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00371

The following person is doing Business as
PAPER CRANE CREATIONS

Humboldt
929 P Street
Eureka, CA 95501

PO Box 879
Eureka, CA 95502

Jeremy H Hara
929 P Street
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on June 1, 2023
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Jeremy Hara, Owner
This June 1, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by tn, Humboldt County Clerk

6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6 (23-239)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00373

The following person is doing Business as
FOUND MY MARBLES

Humboldt
1834 14th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Mark Roffe
1834 14th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on August 1, 2017
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Mark Roffe, Owner
This June 7, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by tn, Humboldt County Clerk

6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6 (23-230)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00379

The following person is doing Business as
WILDFOOT WONDERS

Humboldt
39094 Hwy 299
Willow Creek, CA 95573

PO Box 1431
Willow Creek, CA 95573

Jessica L Markowitz
111 Robin Ln
Willow Creek, CA 95573

Gretchen M Hammer
42119 Hwy 299
Willow Creek, CA 95573

The business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on June 12, 2023
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Gretchen M Hammer, Owner/ Partner
This June 12, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20 (23-243)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00392

The following person is doing Business as
HENRY’S OLIVES

Humboldt
4177 Excelsior Rd
Eureka, CA 95503

4177 Excelsior Rd
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on March 12, 2012
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Henry Robertson, Sole Proprietor
This June 16, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27 (23-256)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00401

The following person is doing Business as
KNEU

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CROSSWORD

by David Levinson Wilk

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GUY

ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

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- ACROSS

1. "Pirates of the Caribbean" star

5. Gorilla, e.g.

8. Japanese beer brand whose name translates to "morning sun"

13. Jai _____

14. _____ house

15. "You dig?" reply

16. Lauderdale neighbor

17. Isn't equivalent?

18. WNBA star Taurasi

19. With 38- and 54-Across, helpful phrase from a person with connections (and a hint to this puzzle's italicized clues)

22. Tupperware stock

23. TV alien played by Robin Williams

24. Latin for "womb"

26. Got to second
- base, maybe

29. NBA star Thompson

30. Jazz great Fitzgerald

31. With less delay

33. Place to conduct forensics

36. "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" host

38. See 19-Across

39. "It's _____!" ("I'll see you then")

41. Lean-_____ (shelters)

42. Homes that may have butlers

45. Glenn Frey hit "The Heat _____"

46. "The Voice" host Carson

47. "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" director

49. "Memento" star

52. Nickname followed by -dore
- or -dora

53. Scratchy voice

54. See 19-Across

59. Words before earliest or least

61. Indiana neighbor

62. On

64. Organizing expert Kondo

65. Unable to make a decision

66. M, on forms

67. Play for time

68. Comedian Barinholtz

69. Harry and William attended it
6. Sharp feeling

7. Caesar's accusation

8. Funding

9. "Sesame Street" game show host

10. The slightest margin

11. Diwali celebrant

12. "None for me, thanks"

14. "Gunpowder Plot" conspirator

20. The Magic, on scoreboards

21. Present time?

25. Skating legend Lipinski

26. Dexterous

27. Potpourri

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32. "Now what's all this then?!"

33. Verbally attack

34. Yours, to Yves

35. "Molto _____!"
37. Big Apple debut of 1998

40. Craps, e.g.

43. Supermodel Wek

44. Waits to publish, as an article

46. TV advice show co-created by Oprah

48. Lil Wayne's "_____ Carter V"

49. Strollers through Covent Garden

50. Seriously vex

51. "Ad _____" (2019 space film)

55. Claim of innocence

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Date: August 11, 2023
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
MARIZZA AYON-SALAZAR
CASE NO. CV2300510
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST. EUREKA, CA. 95501

PETITION OF:
MARIZZA AYON-SALAZAR
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MARIZZA AYON-SALAZAR
to Proposed Name
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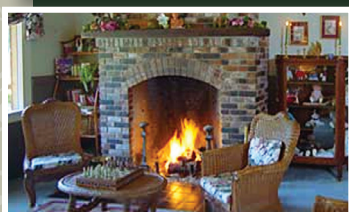
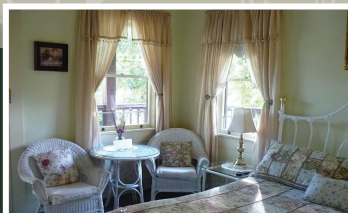


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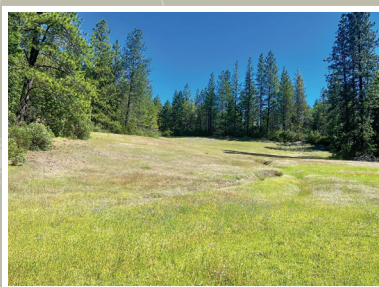
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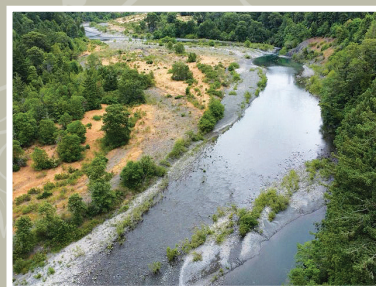
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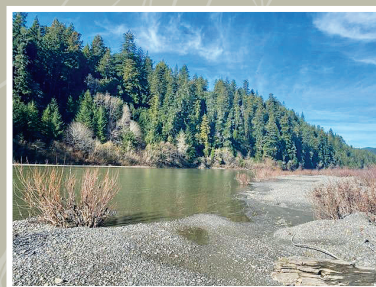
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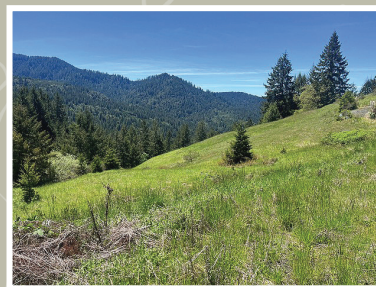
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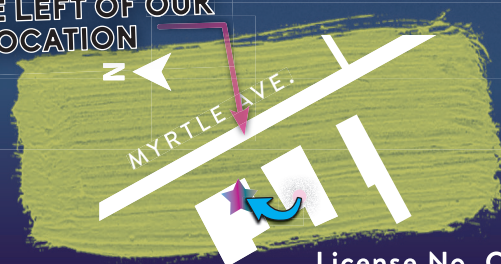
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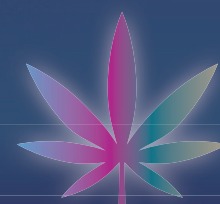
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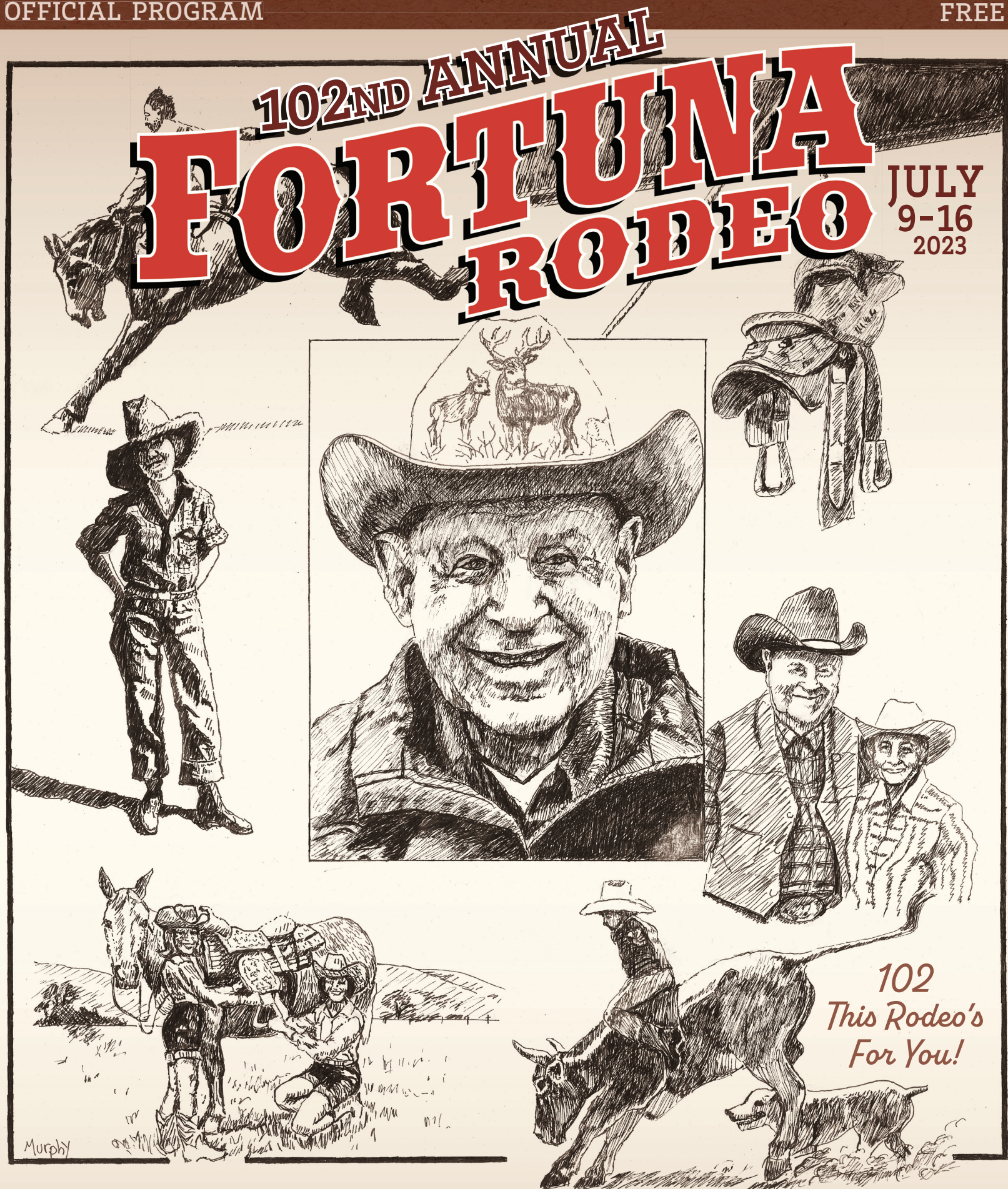


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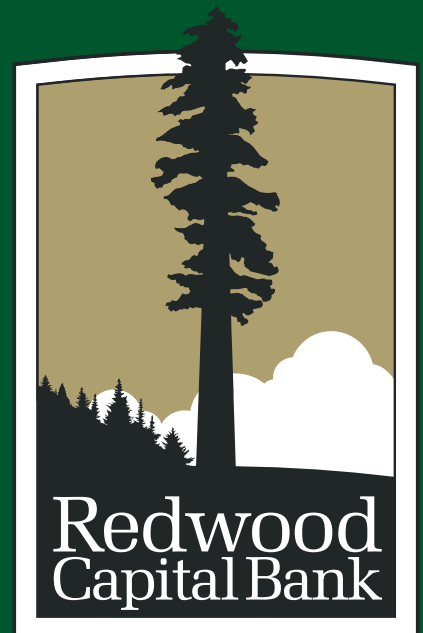


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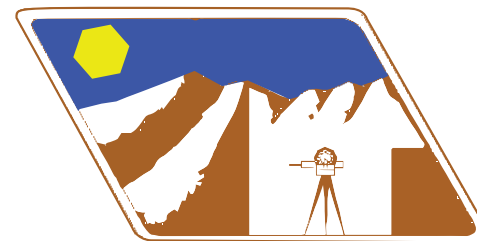


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2023 Fortuna Rodeo President's Message

102 – This Rodeo's For You!

Welcome to the 102nd anniversary of the Fortuna Rodeo! The Fortuna Rodeo Association Board of Directors has been working diligently this past year to put together nine great days of inexpensive or free family fun and entertainment. As you check out the schedule, you'll notice a few new events have been added this year. The Humboldt/Del Norte Cattlemen and Cowbells will be putting on the annual Roger Rodoni Roundup on July 8 at the Fortuna Rodeo Grounds. Local ranching families will be competing in team branding, barrel racing and other equestrian events. The Fortuna Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the first annual Fortuna Rodeo Western Outpost, featuring a western-themed shopping experience at the Firemen's Pavilion in Rohner Park, Thursday thru Sunday. On Tuesday evening the Fortuna Jr. Rodeo will be hosting a Jackpot Team Roping at the Rodeo Grounds. Go to the Fortuna Jr. Rodeo

Facebook page for entry information.

The John Rice Family is the Grand Marshal of this year's Fortuna Rodeo. John and his family have been ranching in Humboldt County and throughout the Western United States for many years, and with John's untimely passing earlier this year, we wanted to honor his family's legacy. John, Peggy and their family never missed a Fortuna Rodeo!

As always, it takes a community to pull the Fortuna Rodeo off. It couldn't be done without the combined help of the city of Fortuna, Fortuna Chamber of Commerce, Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department and the many sponsors from throughout Humboldt County who contribute to the success of the Fortuna Rodeo!

"102 This Rodeo's for You!"

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Schedule of Events

Sunday • July 9

FORTUNA RODEO RUN

presented by Six Rivers Running Club.
5K. 9 a.m. 12th & Main streets in Fortuna.
Get Details at 6rrc.com/2023.html from Six Rivers Running Club.

Monday • July 10

Fortuna Chamber of Commerce presents the 2023 Chili Cook-off! Get details and entry forms at fortunarodeo.com.

Tuesday • July 11

CARNIVAL

Noon. Rohner Park. Wrist Bands \$35

Please Note

TICKETS for all Fortuna Rodeo events are available online. **CASH ONLY** will be accepted at the gate. **PRE-SALE TICKETS** and Packages are available! ATMs will be on site. **PETS:** Fortuna Rodeo Week events are pet free. Please leave your pets at home. All children's events are **FREE**.

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Wednesday • July 12

CARNIVAL

Noon. Rohner Park.

STREET GAMES

ALL children's events are FREE!

6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Thursday • July 13

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9 a.m. until over

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Rodeo Grounds in Rohner Park

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CARNIVAL

Noon. Rohner Park

FIREMAN'S GAMES

6:30 p.m. on Main Street!

Friday • July 14

CARNIVAL

Noon • Location: Rohner Park

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7 a.m. Rohner Park Cook Shack

CARNIVAL

Noon. Rohner Park

All-day wrist bands available, \$35.

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Bull and Bronc riding at 8 p.m.

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Sunday • July 16

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CARNIVAL

Time: Noon • Location: Rohner Park

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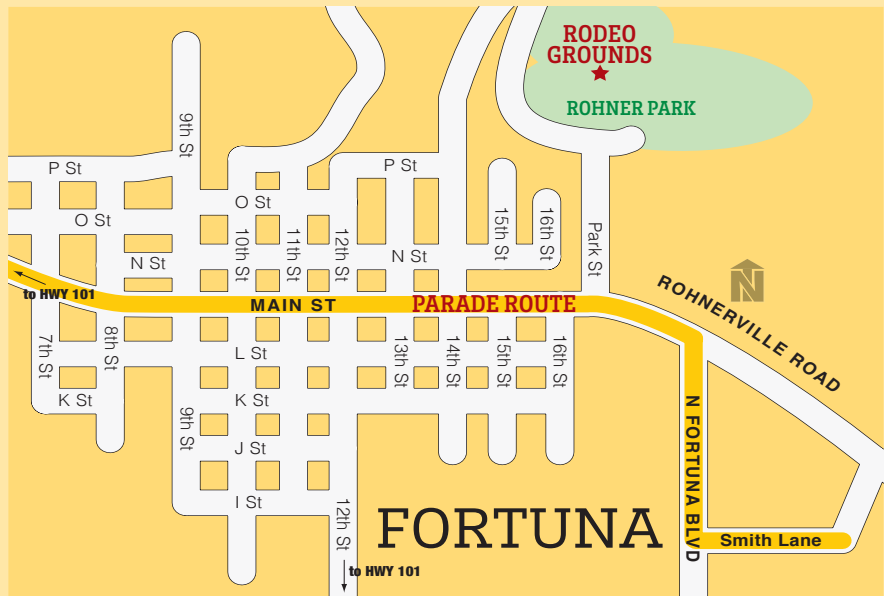
RODEO

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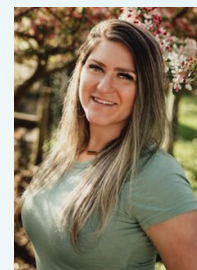
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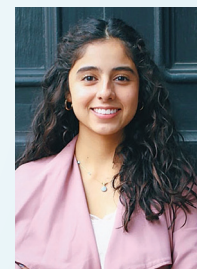
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The John Rice Family Leads the Way!

By Meg Wall-Wild

The Fortuna Rodeo honors the John Rice family as the 2023 Rodeo Grand Marshals! The Rice family has been a Fortuna fixture ever since John's parents Lee and Toni purchased the 24,000-acre Fort Baker Ranch in 1951. Ten-year-old John hit the saddle and was rarely out of it ever after, sadly giving up the stirrups when he passed on earlier this year. His family will honor their lost patriarch as they lead the parade up Main Street on Saturday, July 15, starting at 11 a.m.

John met his wife-to-be Peggy at Fortuna High School before they both attended college. John studied animal science at California Polytechnic University San Luis Obispo where he learned to love surfing, sans cowboy hat. While John was hanging 10, Peggy earned her teaching degree at the University of California at Davis. The couple married, settling into ranch life as John took over running Fort Baker Ranch in 1963. Later on, Peggy began teaching at Bridgeville School. Raising children Rich, Joe and Jenny on the family ranch expanded the intergenerational operation.

John barely kept still, serving the California Beef Council and the Humboldt County Cattlemen, only sitting when trail riding with the Frontier Boys or the Sonoma County Trailblazers. John followed in his father's footsteps leading the way for sustainability and land stewardship, riparian restoration, manure management, and seasonal grazing rotation. Lee Rice was one of the first ranchers to advocate

for and enroll their land in the California Land Conservation Act. Also known as the Williamson Act, it was an important legal tool to protect rangelands and ranching as a livelihood. John took up the standard, serving as an ad hoc Williamson Act Committee member in 2003.

John and his family understood the impact cattle can have on water. Their watershed management upgraded cattle crossings to stop bank erosion and stream disturbances, improving water quality. John's efforts to improve his land and the quality of his beef were well known. He was awarded Ingomar Cattleman of the Year in 2003. The Rices' stewardship also had positive effects on salmonid streams and wildlife habitat. Their efforts did not go unnoticed. John and Peggy were awarded with the Buckeye Stewardship Award in 2014.

Not only do the Rices work to keep Humboldt sustainable, they also help keep Humboldt ranching! A 20-year partnership with now Cal Poly Humboldt brought future ranchers to their spread for field trips. They opened up their operations, showing the management philosophy of a successful ranch includes sustainability and stewardship. The Rice family gave range management students a golden opportunity to use Fort Baker Ranch for senior thesis projects. That investment into Humboldt's ranching future is still paying off.

John and Peggy raised their family to understand ranching is more than making

a living — it is a life. Rich, Joe and Jenny grew up on the range watching their industrious father in the saddle, tending his herd and protecting the land. John did it all, herding, branding, mending fences and clearing waterways. His children went on to raise their own children with the same hardworking ranch values. That heritage is now carried on by John and Peggy's grandchildren, who saddled up with grandpa whenever they got the chance. John's great grandchildren are now starting in the stirrups, something that would make their grandpa proud.

Peggy and her family hold the seat of honor, leading the 2023 Fortuna Rodeo Parade in John's memory. Cheer on the John Rice family as the torch is passed to the next generation of ranchers! Thank them for helping Fortuna to continue ranching long into the future. 🌟



The late John Rice with his wife, Peggy.
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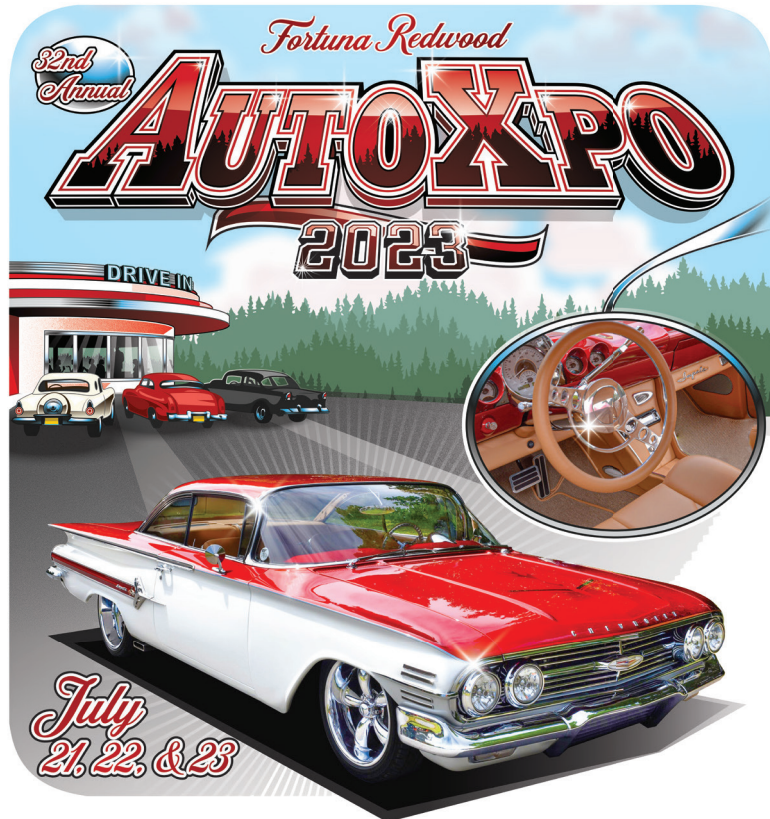
By Meg Wall-Wild

Michelle Murphy-Ferguson grew up in Humboldt, so it's only natural she would paint cows, horses and the people who ride the range. Born in Scotia, she spent her early years in Fortuna, enjoying the rodeo. She loved visiting the cabin of ranching friends with paint brushes in hand, giving her access to the sweeping range. Capturing Humboldt's beauty and its people inspired her to pursue an art education. She switched to business agriculture at College of the Redwoods to stay closer to her hometown roots. Murphy-Ferguson rubbed elbows with Fortuna's ranchers during her time working at Humboldt Auction Yards, giving her a thorough knowledge of her subjects.

An avid lifelong learner, Murphy-Ferguson studied with many talented painters in California and beyond, making her way to Paris, France, and Florence, Italy.

She passed on what she learned, giving painting lessons and workshops in Eureka and Fortuna until 2016. Her portraits show a deft hand and an understanding of the sitter. You may recognize her work from seeing it exhibited up and down the coast, or hanging in the Cattle-Women Association's Cowbelle Barn at the Humboldt County Fair. Murphy-Ferguson's paintings are held in private and public collections worldwide, including Lamscheid Town Hall in Germany. Her love of plein air painting is evident in her luminous landscapes and seascapes. Visit michellemurphy-ferguson.com to see her skillful depictions of Humboldt life, both two- and four-legged. Better yet, bid high at the auction on Saturday, July 15, to rope in her new piece, this year's cover image, for your collection. The creation on offer is uniquely Fortuna Rodeo and Michelle Murphy-Ferguson. 🐾





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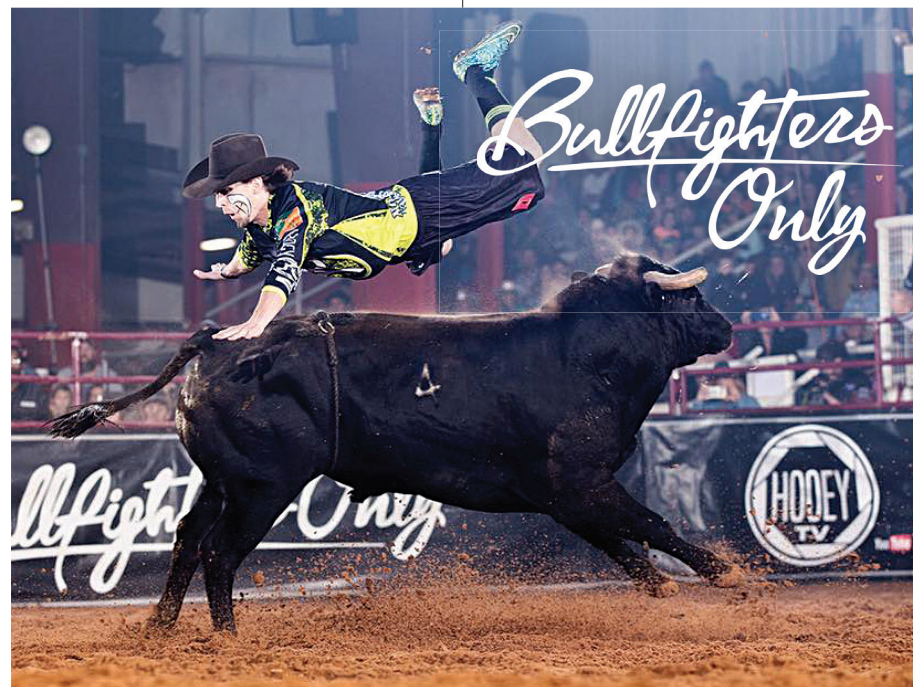
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BFO World Champion Mansell Shaves Points Off the Beard

By Meg Wall-Wild

Grab that Hooey hat signed by 2022 Sequoia Cup and **Bull Fighters Only** World Champion Tyler Mansell and see if he repeats the win and the autograph. Will Weston Rut-

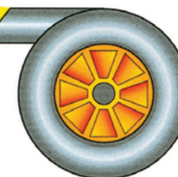
kowski get bearded revenge? Add in Aaron Mercer for an awesome dust up. Who will take home the Sequoia Cup? Gates open at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 14, for a night of untamed rides (bull and quad), rough riders and wild music starting at 7 p.m. For



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Quadiators battle with bats and balloons.

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aromatic excitement, cool your heels in the VIP Smell the Bull Zone. Tickets are \$25, \$15 for kids 12 and under, \$50 for the Bull Zone, available online or with cash at the gate.

Quadiators gird their loins for battle as you fidget in your seat. Batons waving, they circle, waiting for an opening to whack the balloon on their opponents' helmets. The arena transforms as machines and crowds roar in unison. The fight is on! Combatants can register from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Text your name and number to

(707) 496-1055 or (707) 496-6038. For a paltry \$40 entry fee, you could win \$500 and bragging rights. Make sure your two-person team downloads the liability form (fortunarodeo.com/quadiators-entries) because all good fun comes with small print.

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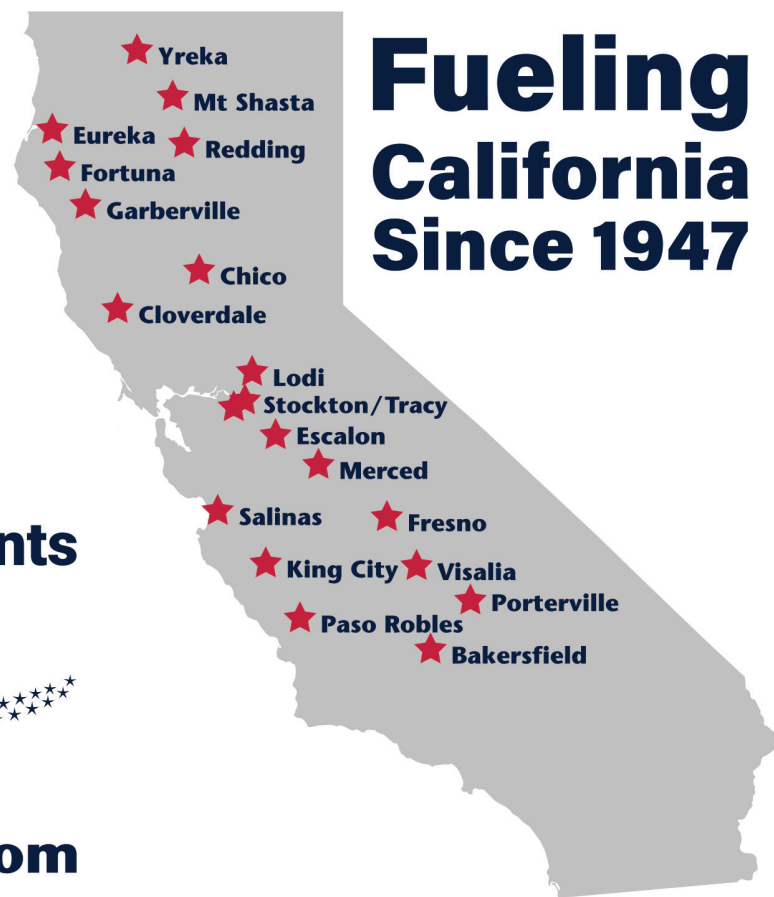
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The Rodeo Chuck Wagon

By Meg Wall-Wild

Get ready to let that tooled belt out a notch! The 2023 Fortuna Rodeo blazes a trail of great grub from Main Street to Rohner Park. The smell of chili gets Fortuna salivating. Some ranch hands are already mentally in line for a CattleWomen's tri-tip sandwich (you know who you are). Whether you want to boost the Boosters or need gastronomic support from the Ladies Auxiliary, they're ready for you. The Native Sons of the Golden West's offerings are best washed down with a cold beer from Eel River Brewery. The deep pit shovels are sharp and ready to dig in the name of barbecue. And you can help the Kiwanis supply school children with backpacks full of pencils and potential by eating your way through a stack of pancakes.

Taps start at 6 p.m. on Friday night, and at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Humboldt Beer Distributors Day at the Rodeo. Stop by and honor your thirst with a refreshing brew.

Spoons are waiting with great anticipation for the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce **Chili Cook-off** on Monday, July 10, sponsored by Redwood Capital Bank. Bring your family's hungry bellies to Main

Street between Ninth and 12th streets for free samples. Chili slinging begins at 5 p.m., when voting tickets go on sale. Vote early, vote often: two for \$1, five for \$2 and 30 for \$10 (cash only, please). Will Fortuna's Best Wyckoff's Plumbing run away with the trophy or get corralled by Fortuna's Best Beef Big R's BBQ? Can Bear River Casino pull off another two-fer of People's Choice and Best Professional? Only your tastebuds will tell. New this year are food trucks on hand to satisfy a hunger beyond chili and a raffle with a top prize of a cord of wood, courtesy of Mendocino Humboldt Redwood Companies. Musician Ryan Rice will entertain as you dance from booth to decorated booth, courtesy of Recology. Be sure to get a good spot near the clock for the 6:30 p.m. awards ceremony to see who aced the spices. Check fortunachamber.com for more information.

Fortuna's nonprofits feed the rodeo from Friday, July 14, to Sunday, July 16. It's a good thing the rodeo chuckwagon runs for several days so you can taste it all! The Ladies Auxiliary has brought the beef. Who can pass up a juicy **hamburger** on a fresh bun with all the fixins?

When your herd complains of rum-

blings, drive them to the Humboldt County CattleWomen, whose legendary **tri-tip** sandwich of sweet meat in delicate layers just begs to be savored. The Native Sons of the Golden West make a mean **brat**. Don't forget the sauerkraut! Have some Fortuna Boosters **oysters** before circling back for **burritos**. Grazing from all stands is encouraged! These nonprofits work hard to benefit Fortuna so spread your tin around. Don't forget to make the kids happy with some smooth 4H **ice cream**. There may be some last-minute changes to the menus, so keep your peepers peeled!

You *thought* you could walk past the **Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast** on Saturday, July 15, without answering the siren call of the griddle. The song of spatulas slapping hot metal makes you smile as the smell of pancakes tickles your nose. Entranced by a stack of cakes with rivulets of amber syrup and melting butter sparkling in the morning sun, you get roped in and happy for it! What better way to support your community than to throw yourself onto that warm stack of flapjacks made fresh by smiling volunteers? A hot cup of joe washes down the sweetness. The kids slurp down milk before polishing off their

own plates of cakes. Feed the family and help Fortuna for just \$8 adults, \$5 for children 7 and under. Make it to the Rohner Park Cook Shed between 7 and 11 a.m. Arrive late and the only sound you hear will be satisfied sighs of well-fed cowpokes.

Some artists capture splendor using paint or sculpt beauty from raw clay. During the Fortuna Rodeo, the true artists work in beef for the revered **Deep Pit Barbecue** served up on Sunday, July 16. Specialized crews tend the meat from pre-pit to the plate. Pacific Pastures Grass Fed Beef is seasoned to perfection at the Fortuna Fire Hall as the pit is prepared for its early hour interment. The flames await!

At 10 a.m., some 4,000 pounds of meat is revealed with fanfare to receive its due adulation. All hail the artists of the pit! No weathered range rider would forget the rib-sticking, hunger-taming, tongue-tantalizing beans. Grab a roll for that last bit of sauce because it isn't polite to lick your plate in public. Buy your ticket online or get there early. Although they make gallons of potato salad, don't be a slow poke or you will be left with an empty plate and a hangdog look. Serving stops at 1 p.m. or earlier if the vittles run out. 🌟

For the Kids



The Fortuna Volunteer Fire Dept. delights the kids.

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102: This Rodeo's for Young Cowpokes, Too!

By Meg Wall-Wild

Carnival

Fun is on dazzling display at the Fortuna Rodeo Carnival from Tuesday to Sunday, July 11-16. A pint-sized cowboy tames his first mustang convertible, even if it is on a carousel. Even adult cowpokes squeal as the Zipper zooms around in all its lighted glory, and the Ferris wheel lifts couples far above the families at play. Cotton

candy and games add to the fun. Buy a \$35 all-day wristband so your little ones (and you) can ride the Super Slide again and again! Bring the whole bunkhouse along to Rohner Park from noon daily to 11 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, closing at midnight Friday-Sunday.

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Kids Games

On Tuesday, July 11, treat your kids to a Rodeo Week evening designed just for them at the Redwood Village Shopping Center (700 S. Fortuna Blvd.). The Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department hosts an evening of free children's activities including the fun and delicious **Cake and Candy Walk**. Hit the entry boxes to win goodies from the Redwood Merchants Association. Keep the memories fresh with a Western-themed **family photo**. Those adorable tiny chaps they wore today will be too small for them tomorrow.

Street Games

The Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department is the first responder of free family fun! On Wednesday, July 12, the hometown heroes put on their annual Rodeo Street Games on Main Street from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Fortuna's littlest cowboys and cowgirls have been training for the **Stick Horse Race**. The **Egg Toss** is a nail-biter, but still leaves the scrambling to the **Tony Johnston Penny Scramble**. When tummies growl, the Eel River Valley Technical Rescue Team fills the family feedbag with hot dogs and hamburgers. The whippersnappers will need all their energy for the **bounce house** (after which they will sleep easy). Parental game guidance is needed for competitors 3 and under, but age groups 4-5, 6-7 and up ride tall in the saddle all on their own.



Saturday's Rodeo Parade starts July 15 at 11 a.m.

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Parade

Want to make a 5 year old lose their mind with joy? Sit them down on Main Street on Saturday, July 15 at 11 a.m. for the 102nd annual Fortuna Rodeo Week parade and wait for flashing fire trucks to roll by with sirens blaring. The parade has it all, from the Rodeo Queen and her royal court to the goofy Shriners cars whizzing about. The John Rice family of Fort Baker Ranch has the honor of leading the parade as Grand Marshals. Be sure to give them a hearty wave as they pass! 🌟

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Jennifer and Dr. Kris Flores purchased the practice in 2016.

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Western Outpost

The Big Boot on Broadway brings western gear to the first Fortuna Rodeo Western Outpost! Great Western and other vendors will tempt passing posers with the garb of the cowboy trade. Stop Please replace the Rodeo Western Outpost copy with:

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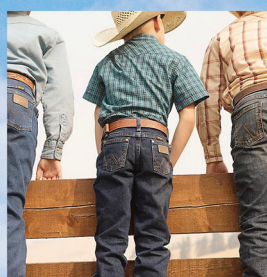
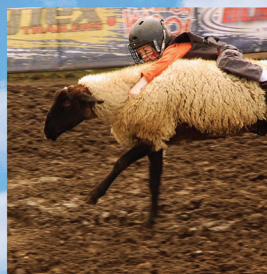
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BBBB Brings Out the Best!

By Meg Wall-Wild

Bulls, Broncs, Bands and Brews returns on Saturday, July 15. Be there when the gates open at 6 p.m. to grab a cold brew from Eel River Brewing Co. and Humboldt Beer. **The Remedy Band** is back to cure what ails you! No snake oil salesmen, this band puts out rocking country classics with some trail-hardened roll. The musical medicine starts to flow at the same time as the taps.

Get ready to give out hearty guffaws: **Mutton Bustin** and **Steer Riding** are next! Watch in amusement as little mutton busters (ages 6-9 with an adult) put wool to a different use. Watch in awe as tough middle schoolers (ages 10-13 with an adult) show us old timers how it's done. Register your up-and-coming rancher online. Check in begins at 6 p.m. with waivers and required safety helmet and vest check (steer riders need to bring rigging, too). Call (707) 498-1411 to enter the adrenaline-fueled

Rescue Race or **Hide Race**. The \$50 per team entry fee could win y'all a cool \$500!

Support the 103rd Fortuna Rodeo by expanding your art collection during the night's **auction!** A commissioned artwork by local artist Michelle Murphy Ferguson adorns the cover of this program. Michelle's artwork graces the walls of national and international collectors, and this unique framed piece could hang on yours if you bid high enough.

Now is the time for riders made of steel! The thrills and chills of **Bulls and Broncs** will get you out of your seat cheering. How can that cowboy stay on a bronc that bucks so hard you feel your own bones jar on impact? Snorting bulls make quick work of some, but will that big bull give way to a rider with an unbreakable will? You'll need another beer to soothe that throat raw from hollering. The best thing about BBBB is that it will be back again next year.





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Rodeo Events

102 – This Rodeo's for You!

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Bull Riding

Maybe the most popular event and probably the most dangerous, bull riding is a battle of wits and brute strength between a cowboy and the most dangerous of ranch animals. The cowboy attempts to ride for eight seconds, strapped to a bucking, whirling 1-ton bull, holding on with only one hand. This is a judged competition: Points are awarded for the cowboy's form and for the difficulty of the ride. But if the rider is bucked off, or if he touches the bull with his free hand, he is disqualified.

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Saddle Bronc

Bronc riding comes from the essential cowboy skill of taming (or “breaking”) a horse for use. As in bull riding, a contestant must stay atop the wild animal for eight seconds using only one hand. But the bronc rider has additional considerations — he is also judged on how well he spurs the horse to action with his boots, and he must keep his feet in the stirrups at all times. Bronc riders come out of the chute with their legs over the horse’s shoulders in order to give the animal the initial advantage.

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Ribbon Roping

In this two-person, timed rodeo event, the roper, who starts out in the box, and the runner, who starts from another location in the arena determined by the field judge, attempt to rope a steer and take a ribbon from its tail. Once the steer comes through the barrier, the roper can use any catch to rope it, then loop the rope around their saddle horn. The runner then snatches the ribbon from the steer's tail and sprints to the box with the barrier as the finish line.

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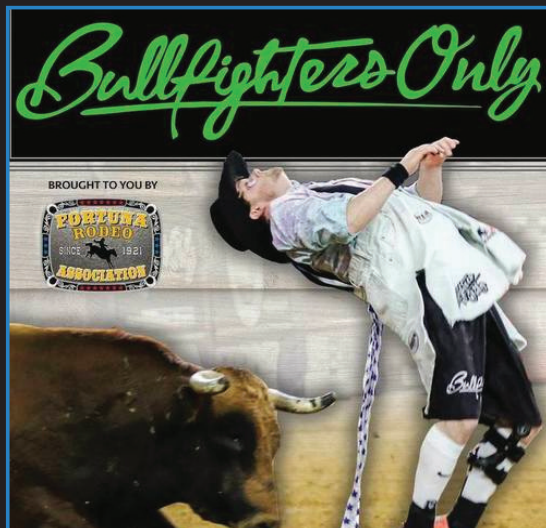


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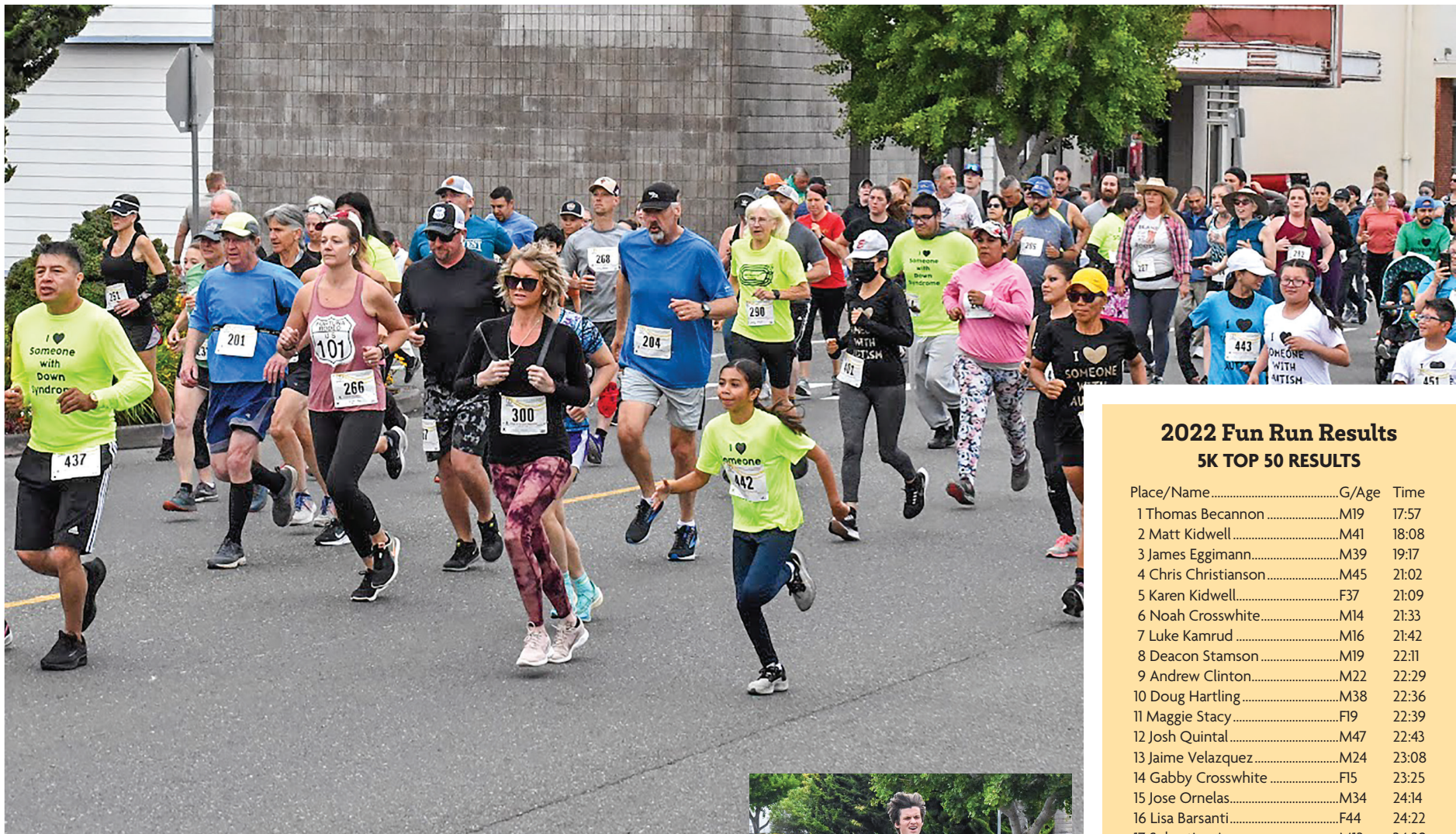
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Family Fun at the 2023 Rodeo Run

By Meg Wall-Wild

It's time to kick up your heels and lope through town! The 6 Rivers Running Club invites you to participate in its annual Rodeo Run 5k on Sunday, July 9. Register at the Redwood Café (corner of 12th and Main streets) at least 30-40 minutes in advance of the 9 a.m. start. The USATF certified course welcomes all for a \$10 entry fee, free for club members. Visit 6rrc.com to join or sign up on race day.

You don't have to beat 2022 winners Thomas Becannon (17:57) or Karen Kidwell

(21:09) to have a blast. Take a stroll with friends on a beautiful Fortuna morning as you sip smoothies in the sun. Your 10 year old has been begging for LED shoelaces. Kit out the whole family so they flash as they fly through town! The run starts and finishes in the Redwood Café parking lot, curving off Main Street to Fortuna Boulevard's south end and back. Bribe the recalcitrant racer with a midpoint coffee stop. Although each great journey starts with a first bold step, many are simply fueled by caffeine.



Thomas Becannon was first to cross the finish line at 17:57.



Karen Kidwell was the fastest woman in last year's race with a time of 21:09.

2022 Fun Run Results 5K TOP 50 RESULTS

Place/Name	G/Age	Time
1 Thomas Becannon	M19	17:57
2 Matt Kidwell	M41	18:08
3 James Eggimann	M39	19:17
4 Chris Christianson	M45	21:02
5 Karen Kidwell	F37	21:09
6 Noah Crosswhite	M14	21:33
7 Luke Kamrud	M16	21:42
8 Deacon Stamson	M19	22:11
9 Andrew Clinton	M22	22:29
10 Doug Hartling	M38	22:36
11 Maggie Stacy	F19	22:39
12 Josh Quintal	M47	22:43
13 Jaime Velazquez	M24	23:08
14 Gabby Crosswhite	F15	23:25
15 Jose Ornelas	M34	24:14
16 Lisa Barsanti	F44	24:22
17 Sebastian Amaro	M12	24:29
18 James Crosswhite	M43	24:37
19 Caroline Carson	F60	24:44
20 Sheri Culver	F57	24:47
21 Ocean Goodrich-Brinckhaus	M14	24:51
22 Cyril Carl	M75	24:56
23 Joanne Szala-Rearick	F37	25:27
24 Cody Cook	M31	25:46
25 Jorge Matias	M55	26:00
26 Jason Woodward	M47	26:21
27 Thomas Bernota	M62	26:32
28 Cody Hurst	M24	26:42
29 Bill Evans	M58	26:54
30 John Carson	M64	27:13
31 Randy Emenaker	M71	27:26
32 Kaiah Cahoon	F08	27:43
33 Derek Cahoon	M39	27:44
34 Marlene Allen	F66	28:05
35 Lexy Roberts	F20	28:11
36 Debbie Stamper	F68	28:22
37 Sabrina Young	F41	29:10
38 Tyson Young	M41	29:11
39 Juan Ornelas Vera	M12	29:55
40 Oscar Balderas	M13	29:56
41 Jesus Diaz	M12	29:58
42 Robb Foley	M49	30:05
43 Angel Torres	M10	30:21
44 Bob Beede	M69	30:25
45 Nathan Brinckhaus	M37	30:27
46 Perlita Kilinski	F49	30:34
47 Alejandra Gallegos	F33	30:38
48 Kim Bryant	F48	30:39
49 Marija Bernota	F35	30:54
50 Tavia Huey	F40	31:20

One Hundred Years of Fortuna Rodeo Firsts

By Susan J.P. O'Hara and Alex Service

During the long history of the Fortuna Rodeo, many “firsts” have marked new ideas and new ways of building community involvement. Some of these firsts became treasured annual events; others lasted only a few years. Some became Fortuna Rodeo lore, preserving the memory of past rodeo heroes and setting standards for present competitors to achieve or surpass.

Chief among all “Fortuna Rodeo firsts” is the first Fortuna Rodeo itself, held at the newly created Rohner Park on August 27 and 28, 1921. It was sponsored by the Humboldt County Stockmen's Association as entertainment for their annual picnic. Cowboys put on riding exhibitions to thrill the audience as well as some actual contests with local cowboys riding alongside Ty Stokes and Jesse Stahl, two well-known African American riders who were among the best rodeoers of the 1920s. Jesse Stahl was posthumously recognized for his abilities in 1979 when he was inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame, and he was the first of the many future Hall of Famers who rode at the Fortuna Rodeo.

By 1925, the local businessmen became involved in the rodeo, ensuring its position as one of Fortuna's summer festivities. In 1927, the businessmen created the first Fortuna Rodeo parade, described at the time as a “historical pageant.” The parade featured an ox cart, a covered wagon and a stagecoach, with parade participants dressed as figures from California's past such as padres and aristocrats from Spanish California, gold miners and pioneers. Members of the Hupa Tribe performed their White Deerskin Dance in what is believed to be the first time since 1879 that the dance was performed in public. Another first from 1927 was the first Fortuna Rodeo queen contest, won by Maxine Gould.

The first rodeo sponsored solely by the Fortuna Businessmen's Association was held in 1930. The stockmen felt they could

no longer support the rodeo financially, due to the stock market crash of 1929. The Fortuna Rodeo made it through the first years of the Great Depression, but ultimately was canceled due to the economic hard times in 1934 and 1935. However, the rodeo returned with renewed vigor in 1936. At this time the “penny scramble” became a feature of Rodeo Week. This event is now for children only, but when it began, it was open to everyone (thanks to the Depression, most people could use a bit of extra pocket money). Also in the late 1930s, the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department became involved with the rodeo, sponsoring the traditional Saturday night dance. The rodeo returned to its preeminence on the Professional Rodeo circuit, with riders such as Hall of Famer and National Champion Johnnie Schneider riding and roping at the event. The year 1941 marked a Fortuna Rodeo high point when renowned rodeo photographer DeVere Helfrich attended and captured the action, his photographs chronicling national competitors as well as regional riders such as local favorite Clarence Bugenig.

In 1942, the Fortuna Businessmen decided to cancel the rodeo in order to focus on the war effort. However, that year a one-day amateur rodeo was sponsored by the Fortuna unit of the Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps. The women used the money raised at this rodeo for purchasing an ambulance for local use during World War II. In 1943, the Armed Forces requested that the rodeo not be held, since if an emergency caused the highway to be closed, rodeo attendees would be stranded. Also, many of the local businessmen, as well as the cowboys themselves, were serving in the Armed Forces. With the end of the war, the rodeo resumed in 1946. Many favorite events returned, such as the penny scramble (which had now become a kids-only event), a carnival, dances and a large parade.

A major first for the Fortuna Rodeo came in 1951, when the Fortuna Rodeo



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Association was formed, with a board made up of equal numbers from the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department and the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce. The by-laws developed by the Association, which are still followed today, state that once expenses are paid, all funds raised by the rodeo will be used to maintain and improve facilities at Rohner Park.

The 1953 rodeo was the official celebration of the City of Fortuna's “Diamond Jubilee” 75th anniversary. This year may also have been the first to feature a grand marshal for the Fortuna Rodeo parade. In 1953 the parade's marshal was Captain Leroy Gates, who served as an air force pilot in both WWII and the Korean War and was one of the founders of the Rohnerville Airport. A rodeo tradition begun in 1953 was a pancake breakfast during Rodeo Weekend. This event was first sponsored by the women's service organization the Quota Club, then by the Business and Professional Women's Association from 1959 onward, and then from 1997 by the Fortuna chapter of the Kiwanis Club.

In 1954, Clarence Bugenig won the local champion saddle. The year 1954 also saw the final professional rodeo held in Fortuna. In 1955, the Rodeo Association decided the Fortuna Rodeo would become an amateurs-only event. They hired Dick Hemsted to provide the stock animals, which Hemsted Rodeos continued to do into the 1990s. The 1950s also saw the return of the deep-pit rodeo barbecue and the queen contest. The first Fortuna

Rodeos back in the 1920s had featured free barbecues, with stockmen donating the animals, but now the Rodeo Association charged a small admission fee for the ever-popular meal created by a team of volunteers led by “Super-Chef” Nat Evans, inventor of a secret blend of meat-seasoning spices. To this day, the beloved tradition of the Fortuna Rodeo barbecue continues, made possible by dedicated volunteers and featuring a closely-guarded secret recipe.

In 1964, Al Cooper won the first of his four local champion saddles and in 1965, Charlie Rodriguez won the first of his five local championships. These two men would remain the competitors with the highest number of local champion wins at the Fortuna Rodeo until Casey Minton achieved an astounding nine local champion saddles in the early 2000s. Popular Rodeo Week events in downtown Fortuna in the 1960s included street dances, a greased pole climbing contest, greased pig contest and an orange crate race, first sponsored by the Fortuna Junior Chamber of Commerce (the Jaycees) in 1966.

In the late 1960s, the tradition began of the Volunteer Fire Department hosting a Firemen's Games event on Main Street during Rodeo Week. For three years in the 1970s, Rodeo Week festivities included a children's parade. Youngsters from the Strehl and Ryles families were among the frequent winners of children's parade awards for entries like their “Five Little

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Ducks” in the 1974 “Disneyland of the West” kiddies’ parade. In 1975, a horse-shoe-pitching competition became part of the Rodeo Week lineup, and around this same time, bicycle races were added to the week’s activities. Also for the first time in 1975, a volunteer Fortuna Rodeo Band was created to take part in the rodeo parade, composed of students from the local schools along with other community members. In 1976, the year of the United States’ Bicentennial celebrations, the Jaycees sponsored their first Fortuna Rodeo Tennis Tournament, which would be part of the annual events until the early 1990s.

The Rodeo Association declared that 1979’s event would be the 50th anniversary rodeo, although later re-calculation led to the conclusion that this milestone was actually a few years off. (Matters were complicated by the several years without a Fortuna Rodeo during the Great Depression and World War II, and by disagreement about which events had been official Fortuna Rodeos.) As part of the official celebrations of the rodeo’s first 50 years, a Friday night fireworks display became part of Rodeo Week, remaining a highlight of the festivities until 1986.

In 1980, for the first time, Outhouse Races were added to the Rodeo Week fun.

This rip-roaring event continued until 1985 and later was re-introduced for several more years in the early 2000s. Early in the 1980s, the merchants of the new Redwood Village Mall began sponsoring Rodeo Week entertainments, and during this decade, Redwood Village would become the location for the kids’ activities on the Tuesday of Rodeo Week.

A major milestone took place in 1984: for the first time, the winner of the local all-around champion saddle was a woman. Suzi Fusi captured the honor only one year after riding in her first rodeo (at the Fortuna Rodeo in 1983). Fusi also won the Pro Rodeo California Cowboys Association’s 1984 award for Rookie of the Year. In the first 100 years of the Fortuna Rodeo, two other competitors have joined Suzi Fusi in the ranks of women who have been Fortuna’s local all-around champions: Sherry Luman in 1988 and Jennifer Renner in 2019.

Foot races through town had joined the Rodeo Week lineup in or around 1980, and by 1984, the annual Fortuna Rodeo Fun Run was sponsored by the Six Rivers Running Club. Two beloved Fortuna Rodeo traditions came into being in 1986: the “kidnapped tourists” trial and the chili cook-off. The first tourists to be “kidnapped” and treated to a free weekend

of rodeo-themed hospitality were Al and Raylene Key, a honeymooning couple from Vermont. Tourists continued to be “kidnapped” as part of the Rodeo Week shindigs until the final abduction of a vacationing family during the rodeo celebrations in 2016. The first chili cook-off took place in the parking lot of Del’s Liquors and Deli on Fortuna Boulevard; in later years the event would move to its current downtown location on Main Street. A major difference between the early chili cook-offs and the event we know today was a lack of beans: the “Fortuna Rodeo Chili Society” declared that “true chili” consists of “any kind of meat, or combinations of meats, cooked with chili peppers, various other spices and other ingredients, with the exception of items such as beans or spaghetti which are strictly forbidden.” Also in 1986, the Rodeo Association unveiled the first annual Country Music Showdown at the rodeo grounds. For several years, the showdown would be a highlight of Friday night’s events.

An “ugly dog contest” was introduced in Rodeo Week 1988, and took place for several years. Cyrus Comer’s Dalmatian/English bulldog mix Jeremiah was the first pooch to be proclaimed Fortuna’s ugliest dog; in subsequent years Charlie Washburn’s scruffy little canine Rambo would be Jeremiah’s biggest rival for the title.

The biggest Fortuna Rodeo first of the 1990s was the creation in 1994 of a junior rodeo, the Fortuna Junior Round-Up. The event would grow to become one of the biggest and most popular junior rodeos in the northwest. In the late 1990s, Fortuna’s own West Coast Rodeo Co. inherited the mantle of the Hemsted Rodeo Company, becoming the stock contractor for the Fortuna Rodeo.

In the year 2000, the Rodeo Association decided to change the way past rodeos were counted. Things had gotten confusing over the years, with disagreements about the number of years in which no Fortuna Rodeo took place. From 2000 onward, the rodeos have been reckoned by the number of years since 1921’s first Fortuna Rodeo. This change created what might seem to be a case of time travel: 1999’s Fortuna Rodeo was advertised as the 70th annual rodeo, and 2000’s was the 79th. In 2002, the Association introduced “Family Night” at the rodeo grounds as a highlight of Rodeo Week’s Friday, with kid-focused activities such as piñatas and

an “animal scramble.” Over the next few years, Friday’s activities morphed into the wild competition known as the Quadiators, and Friday became Motorsports Night at the Fortuna Rodeo.

The year 2006 brought another Fortuna first: the tradition of commissioning an original artwork each year to illustrate the rodeo’s posters and program. Don Brown, who was then the Rodeo Association member in charge of advertising, brought the idea to Fortuna. The first Fortuna Rodeo painting, by Arcata artist Forest Stearns, shows Ben McWhorter bullriding, with Roy Curless and Tom McWhorter among the spectators.

In 2013, a new event joined Saturday night’s lineup: Bands, Bulls and Brews (another b-word, Broncs, would later be added to the title). That first Bands, Bulls and Brews also featured a game of “cowboy poker,” pitting card-players in the arena against a bull: the last player to leave the table, after the bull had chased all the other players away, was the winner. Among the most recent Fortuna Rodeo firsts, in 2017, the elite bullfighting cadre Bullfighters Only, based in San Antonio, Texas, became the central attraction during Friday night’s festivities.

Some Fortuna Rodeo firsts are far less welcome than others. In 2020, due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, what would have been the 99th anniversary Fortuna Rodeo instead became the first Fortuna Rodeo to be cancelled since the end of World War II.

Since almost the very beginnings of the Fortuna Rodeo, it has been traditional for rodeo organizers to declare that the next year’s rodeo will be “bigger and better” than the one before. In 2021, for the 100th anniversary rodeo, a bigger and better rodeo again takes its rightful place as one of the greatest annual celebrations of life in the Friendly City of Fortuna.



Historians Susan J.P. O’Hara and Alex Service are the authors of In and Around the Arena: The 100 Year History of the Fortuna Rodeo. The book, featuring over 800 photographs from the collections of local community members and museums, will be published later in 2021. Be sure to stop by the authors’ table at the rodeo this year, for more information on the book and to add your name to the pre-order list for In and Around the Arena.

Saddle & Silver

There are plenty of reasons to mount up for rodeo competition, practice for countless hours and risk injury in the dusty arena. But long after the cheering has subsided and the purse is spent, the trophies taken home by champion cowboys shine on. Here are the storied prizes riders are shooting for at the Fortuna Rodeo.

Gary Edgmon Memorial Saddle

The Gary Edgmon Memorial Saddle is awarded to the top local all-around cowboy. Competitors must reside in Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity or Mendocino counties to qualify for this award. Edgmon was the owner of Ferndale Meat Co. and a member of the Fortuna Rodeo Board for many years. He was in charge of the rodeo's deep pit barbecue while on the board and he served up a great meal. Edgmon passed away in 1998 and a memorial saddle has been given in his name ever since. He was a lifetime Fortuna resident known for his lighthearted humor and giving personality. **American AgCredit**, the **Edgmon Famly**, and **Sequoia Gas Co.** are proud to sponsor this award.

Fred Barry Memorial Buckle

The Fred Barry Memorial Buckle, named after one of the larger figures in Fortuna Rodeo lore, is awarded yearly to the Humboldt County top hand.

Born and raised in Humboldt County, Barry was a cowboy and rancher. He won the all-around cowboy award at the 1941 Fortuna Rodeo and would later go on to have a successful rodeo career on the national circuit, competing in many of the big rodeos, including the Cheyenne Frontier Days, Pendelton Roundup and the Calgary Stampede. After retiring from rodeo, Fred ran a successful cattle ranching operation in Loleta and continued to be a

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big supporter of the Fortuna Rodeo. The Fred Barry Memorial Buckle carries on his spirit, sponsored by his son **Patrick Barry**.

Tom McWhorter Memorial All-Around Buckle

This buckle is presented to the Fortuna Rodeo's all-around cowboy. **Mobley Construction** proudly sponsors this award.

Rodeo has always been a McWhorter family tradition. For 54 years, Tom McWhorter served on the Fortuna Rodeo Board, enjoying the sport and camaraderie that are part of the cowboy way of life. From 2005 until 2012, Tom's family granted the Tom McWhorter Rodeo Scholarship to local high school rodeo participants in the California High School Rodeo Association.

Tom grew up on a ranch in Yager Creek and always enjoyed going to the high school rodeos, watching the young people develop their skills and grow into world-class athletes. "District Two has had a number of state and college champions who started in the local high school rodeo circuit," said McWhorter's son Ted, who continues the family's rodeo tradition working for West Coast Rodeo Co. "We have an excellent reputation for outstanding competitors from our district."



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